

Corporate Policy Review Select Committee

A meeting of Corporate Policy Review Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 6th March, 2007.

Present: Cllr B Woodhead (Chairman), Cllr D T Brown, Cllr Mrs S Fletcher, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr A Larkin, Cllr K Lupton, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr R Patterson, Cllr Mrs B Robinson, Cllr Mrs M B Womphrey.

Officers: M Wardle, K Hornsey (RES) S Johnson, J Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: No other persons were in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr K Dewison, Cllr Mrs E A Nesbitt, Cllr Mrs M Rigg.

1097 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2007

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2007 be agreed as a correct record and forwarded to the next Council Meeting for approval.

1098 Review of Meeting Venues

Members of the Committee considered a summary of the evidence collected so far for the review of meeting venues.

The Scrutiny Officer presented Members with the feedback from the meeting venues site visits carried out since the last meeting. The visits had been carried out by some Members of the Committee and the Scrutiny Officer. Some members of Stockton Disability Advisory Group had also been present at some of the site visits.

Members considered feedback from site visits carried out at the following:

Corporate venues

- Stockton Library Lecture Hall
- Stockton Town Hall
- Municipal Buildings
- Billingham Council Chamber

Other Council venues

- Castlegate Quay
- Elmtree Community Centre
- The Education Centre
- Stockton Business Centre
- Newtown Resource Centre
- The Salvation Army

External venue

- The Destiny Centre

Members of the Committee discussed issues relating to parking, access and the Disability Discrimination Act.

The Committee discussed access audits. The Property Manager advised

Members that one of the Council's Building Surveyors was qualified to carry out access audits. The Committee requested that the Scrutiny Officer obtain further information relating to this issue and report it back to the next meeting of the Committee.

Members considered the feedback received from the officers responsible for operational meeting venues. The Committee discussed conference calling.

During discussions Members of the Committee formulated some draft recommendations to be included in the final report for the review of meeting venues.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The information presented to Members be noted.
2. The Scrutiny Officer obtain further information relating to access audits and report it to the next meeting of the Committee.
3. The draft recommendations be formulated for inclusion in the final report.