

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Leisure Park Board Meeting held, in committee, in the Board Room at Dundonald International Ice Bowl on Monday 21 November 2005 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman P D Robinson MP MLA

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
J Bunting
D Drysdale
B Harvey
G Robinson
J White

APOLOGIES: An apology was recorded on behalf of Alderman Mrs I Robinson MP MLA.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Leisure Services.

LPB/2005/158: UPDATE ON STAFFING ISSUES

The Chairman, Alderman Peter Robinson opened the meeting by giving the Board Members an overview of the current staffing issues. He then asked the Chief Executive to update Members on what arrangements had been put in place to cover for the Officers who had been issued with precautionary suspensions.

The Chief Executive then informed the Board that the Council's Environmental Health Manager had been seconded to the Ice Bowl as a temporary measure until the ongoing investigations were completed.

The Chief Executive sought approval to pay an honorarium to the Environmental Health Manager while she was undertaking additional duties at the Ice Bowl.

RESOLVED: The Leisure Park Board approve a £5,000 per annum honorarium to the Environmental Health Manager during her secondment to the Ice Bowl. This to be effective from the 17 November 2005.

LPB/2005/159: PURCHASE OF VEHICLE

The Chairman then asked why it had been necessary for the Ice Bowl to acquire a second hand vehicle. The Director of Finance & Leisure Services responded that during the Fun Valley project the vehicle had been used to transport the trampolines which were constructed on a trailer base. He also informed the

Board that the equipment would be hired out to the Council's other leisure centres using this vehicle.

Following a detailed discussion it was

RESOLVED: - That the Director of Finance & Leisure Services bring back to the next special meeting a report on this vehicle, including details of the current mileometer reading and that of when it was purchased. The report should also detail where the vehicle is kept when not in use.

LPB/2005/160: MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Members of the Board then asked numerous questions of the Director of Finance & Leisure Services as to the remit of the Management Consultant who had been engaged at the Ice Bowl.

The Director explained that the role of the Management Consultant was to mentor the Operations Manager and to manage the Council's marketing section in the absence of the Marketing & PR Manager. The Director also informed the Board that he had asked the Consultant to carryout an evaluation of the Marketing function and to create an environment which was conducive to the return of the Marketing & PR Manager, following her absence from work.

The Director informed the Board that it was his intention to discuss the Consultant's report with the Marketing & PR Manager. Board Members felt that the report should come to the Board before it was discussed with the officer. The Board also felt that the Management Consultant should now let the Environmental Health Manager take over full control of the Centre and that he should concentrate on completing his report for the Board.

RESOLVED: That the Management Consultant be informed that he is to leave the Ice Bowl and to concentrate on finalising his report for the next special Board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE