

## **CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, held in committee, in the Council Chamber, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Beattie  
(in the chair)

**ALDERMEN:** J Norris MBE

**COUNCILLORS:** Mrs A M Beattie  
Ms J Bunting  
D Drysdale  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
G Robinson  
J Spratt

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Finance & Leisure Services and Assistant Members' Services Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Duncan, Chambers, Jeffers, Tosh and White

### **F&GP/2006/338 : MOBILE PHONES**

Councillor Beattie provided Members with an overview of the discussions which had taken place at two recent Mobile Phone Sub Committee meetings, and he outlined the details of the relevant resolutions.

Following a detailed discussion, it was

**RESOLVED :** That the Council be recommended to agree

- (a) Officers contact all companies who had submitted a tender for the provision of mobile phones, asking that they review the submission terms, with a view to reducing costs, particularly in respect of the call charges to other network customers. Submissions to be returned to the Council by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006
- (b) that a Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting be convened on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006 at 6.00 p.m. to consider the above submissions
- (c) that the following information be tabled at the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting:

- (i) a breakdown of monthly mobile phone bills, showing staff recoupment costs, together with a breakdown of the monthly mobile phone call costs which had to be met by the Members. Similar information to be provided during the months the Council was out of contract.
  - (ii) Local Government audit reports relating to Council's mobile phone calls
- (d) that, in preparation for next year's tender process for mobile phone provision, the Chief Executive/Directors arrange for a review to be carried out on the number of staff mobile phones, with a view to ascertaining which departments could operate on a 'pool' basis, whilst bearing in mind the Council's duty of care obligations. Officers also arrange to draw up a policy in respect of the issuing of staff mobile phones and establish monitoring procedures on usage, for Council approval.

**F&GP/2006/339 : CONSIDERATION OF DATE FOR FUTURE MONTHLY FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Councillor Beattie explained the administrative problems being experienced as a result of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings being held on the third Wednesday of each month, i.e. one day before the Council Agenda was due out.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree, that in future, the monthly Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.00 pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Adopted by the Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**