

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 Tuesday, 22 November 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Beattie MBE
(in the chair)

ALDERMEN: S Duncan
G Rice MBE

COUNCILLORS: A Beattie
M Copeland MLA
M Gregg (from 7.03 pm)
C Hall
B Hanvey
C Howard
T Jeffers (from 7.04 pm)
V McCoy
T Morrow
T Sandford
J White

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Finance, Chief Executive and Members' Services Officers

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor O'Reilly

F&GP/2011/190 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (7.00 pm)

Councillor Copeland declared an interest as a member of the Regional Development Committee and the Social Development Committee.

Noted.

F&GP/2011/191 : MINUTE NO F&GP/2011/129 OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2011 (copy previously circulated for information only) (7.00 pm)

Noted.

F&GP/2011/192 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RE: THE COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT POLICY (copy previously circulated) (7.02 pm)

The Director of Finance referred to the Council's Procurement Policy. He advised that, following consideration by the Management Team as well as

detailed discussion by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, amendments had been applied and he was now tabling the policy for final consideration and adoption. The Director of Finance stated that the Council also had in place a detailed guidance procedure to be applied in conjunction with the policy. He also reminded Members that the Committee had been granted executive powers to consider this matter.

Councillor Copeland enquired whether the policy could be revised once it had been established. The Director of Finance replied that a review would take place once in every two years.

Alderman Rice commented that Members had been given the opportunity to study the revised Procurement Policy in detail. She felt that, within the legal framework, the Council would benefit from adopting this policy.

Councillor Gregg joined the meeting at 7.03 pm.

Alderman Beattie stated that Officers had now addressed Members' comments and he felt that the policy was comprehensive and supported the procurement process.

Following some further discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Rice, seconded by Councillor White and

Councillor Jeffers joined the meeting at 7.04 pm.

RESOLVED (7.04 pm): That approval be granted for the adoption of the revised Procurement Policy and associated fiscal limits.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of
_____ 2011 with the exception of
Minute Nos. _____

MAYOR