

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 26 May 2011 at 5.58 p.m.

PRESENT:

ALDERMEN:

J Beattie
Mrs S Duncan
M Henderson MBE
Mrs G Rice MBE
G Robinson

COUNCILLORS:

Mrs A Beattie
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs J Cochrane MLA
M Copeland MLA
D Drysdale
M Gregg
C Hall
B Hanvey
Mrs C Howard
T Jeffers
M Long
Mrs V McCoy
T Morrow
P O'Reilly
T Sandford
J Spratt MLA
J White

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Director of Administration & Community Services, Director of Finance and Assistant Member Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Vitty

F&GP/2011/60 : APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Alderman Henderson proposed Alderman Beattie, seconded by Councillor Spratt and, with no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED : That the Committee agree that Alderman Beattie be elected as Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the 2011/2012 year.

F&GP/2011/61 : APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Alderman Beattie took the chair and sought nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Alderman Robinson proposed Councillor Copeland, seconded by Councillor Drysdale and, with no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED : That the Committee agree that Councillor Copeland be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the 2011/2012 year.

F&GP/2011/62 : ESTIMATES WORKING GROUP – 8 MEMBERS PLUS MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR (EX-OFFICIO)

Alderman Robinson proposed the membership of the Estimates Working Group, as follows:

Chairmen of 6 Standing Committees

Mayor

1 SDLP

2 Alliance

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal. He outlined that, as the Estimates Working Group meetings tended to be convened during the day, work commitments made it difficult for him to attend. He asked if the Council would consider replacing him with his party colleague, Councillor Copeland.

Alderman Robinson proposed that Councillor Copeland replace Alderman Henderson on the Estimates Working Group, and this was seconded by Councillor Jeffers.

Councillor Long proposed Alderman Rice and Councillor Gregg, seconded by Alderman Duncan.

Councillor O'Reilly proposed Councillor Hanvey, seconded by Councillor Spratt.

RESOLVED : That the Committee agree that Aldermen Beattie, Duncan, Rice and Robinson and Councillors Copeland, Drysdale, Gregg, Hanvey, McCoy and White represent the Council on the Estimates Working Group for the 2011/2012 year.

F&GP/2011/63 : POST ESTIMATES WORKING GROUP

Alderman Robinson outlined that this matter had been raised at a Management Team meeting but Members were not keen to progress the matter at this stage. He added that the Director of Finance may wish to make a comment.

The Director of Finance stated that within the Finance Bill legislation was a requirement on the Council to monitor the financial performance of its estimates. He advised that although the Finance Bill was not coming into effect until April 2012, it was good practice for the Council to prepare for the introduction this legislation.

Alderman Robinson proposed that 5 Members be represented on the Working Group, on the basis of 2 DUP, 1 Alliance, 1 UUP and 1 SDLP.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

Councillor Long proposed Alderman Rice, seconded by Alderman Duncan.

Councillor O'Reilly proposed Councillor Hanvey, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Alderman Robinson proposed Alderman Beattie and Councillor Chambers, seconded by Alderman Henderson.

Alderman Henderson proposed Councillor Copeland, seconded by Councillor Gregg.

RESOLVED : That the Committee agree that Aldermen Beattie, Rice and Councillors Chambers, Copeland and Hanvey represent the Council on the Post Estimates Working Group for the 2011/2012 year.

The meeting ended at 6.03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

MAYOR