

Time started – 6.00 pm
Time finished – 6.15 pm

SPECIAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
17 MAY 2004

Present: Councillor Burgess (in the Chair)
Councillors Care, Graves, Gupta, Nath and Smalley

11/03 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Hickson and Williamson.

12/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

13/03 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gupta declared a personal interest as she knew two of the nominated Panel Members. It was noted that they were not close friends.

14/03 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 September 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15/03 Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel for Members Allowances

Steve Dunning, Assistant Director – Democratic Services, introduced a report of the Director of Corporate Services which sought the appointment of five members to the Independent Remuneration Panel. He explained that it had taken longer than expected to get responses from all of the partner organisations and two experienced members of the Panel had decided to step down. It had, therefore, been necessary to ask the Chief Executive to make a number of urgent decisions in consultation with the group leaders. The urgent decisions allowed;

- informal interviews to be held with seven nominees
- for a Special Purposes Committee to be convened to consider the recommendations of the interview panel
- for the Independent Remuneration Panel to meet soon after the Special Purposes Committee

- the Members Allowances Scheme for 2004/05 to be approved.

Councillor Nath suggested that in the future nominees should be sought from stakeholder organisations, as previously agreed, and also from individual members of the community.

In accordance with the Special Purposes Committee's previous decision it was suggested that terms of office were staggered. The retirement dates were allocated alphabetically.

Resolved:

1. To note the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive under his delegated powers as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report
2. To appoint the following people to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel:
Professor Mary Carswell, Director, Derbyshire Business School, University of Derby
Sue Holmes, Chief Executive, Derby Law Centre
Shameem Malooq, Manager, Asian Advisory Service
Ian Samways, Individual Member
Nigel Sutherland, Director, Bridgens Ltd
3. To approve the following transitional arrangements for terms of office

Appointees	To retire on 31 December						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mary Carswell	X			X			X
Sue Holmes		X			X		
Shameem Malooq			X			X	
Ian Samways	X			X			X
Nigel Sutherland		X			X		

4. To agree appointees should serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel for a three year period and be eligible for re-appointment. If the appointee resigns or does not wish to continue at the end of his/her term of office, a fresh nomination would be sought from the relevant stakeholder organisation, or from individual members of the community as determined by this Committee. This will ensure that the Council meets the requirements of Government guidance on retaining experience and keeping a degree of continuity in the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

MINUTES END