

AGENDA ITEM No.

MINUTES

Meeting: Urgent Business Items Sub-Committee

Date: 29 April 2005 12 Noon.

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire

Chair: Mr A D Hams

Present: Cllr J A Bull, Mr P Harrison.

Apologies for Absence: Mr N Bajaria, Cllr D Chapman, Mrs L Crowe, Cllr Mrs H M Gaddum
Cllr D B Taylor.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1/05 DEFRA'S SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME AND ITS APPLICATION TO AUTHORITY OWNED LAND (A.568/JJL)

The Sub-Committee considered a report setting out the background to the Single Payment Scheme introduced by the government under the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

2/05 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 7 "Information relating to financial and business affairs".

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

3/05 DEFRA'S SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME (SPS) AND ITS APPLICATION TO AUTHORITY OWNED LAND – ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS FOR CLAIMING ENTITLEMENTS ON DIFFERENT TENURES OF LAND (A.568/CBM)

The Sub-Committee considered a report recommending how the Authority should approach the Single Payment Scheme in relation to its own landholdings in light of the government's advice generally to the agricultural landlord and tenant sector and specifically to land owned and managed by local authorities.

Mr Rix, Authority Member, explained the approach that the National Trust was taking which was on similar lines to those recommended in the report.

The report detailed the options available to the Authority and financial consequences on each category of tenancies and licenses of the Authority's agricultural land.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That where farmers have Agricultural Holdings Act or Agricultural Tenancies Act tenancies with the Authority, they establish entitlement under the Single Payment Scheme over Authority land.**
- 2. That where farmers have traditionally had mowing and grazing licences with the Authority, the Authority establishes entitlement under the Single Payment Scheme over its own land.**
- 3. That the Authority establishes entitlements under the Single Payment Scheme over any land it owns that has not been let in the past.**
- 4. That a report be prepared in due course on negotiations with existing tenants and new tenancies in the future.**

Meeting ended 1.45 pm.