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**AGENDA ITEM No. 15** 

# **EXEMPT MINUTES**

PART B EXEMPT INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Meeting: National Park Authority Special Meeting

Date: 12 January 2007

Venue: Aldern House Baslow Road Bakewell Derbyshire

Chair: Mr A D Hams

<u>Present</u>: Mrs A Ashe, Mr N Bajaria, Miss P Beswick, Clr Mrs J Bevan,

Mr A Brown, Clr Mrs T Critchlow, Mr P M Crompton, Mr J C Fearns, Mr C Furness, Clr Mrs H Gaddum, Mr P Harrison, Prof J Herbert,

CIr Mrs C Hunt, CIr C McLaren, CIr D Mellor, Mr B Neville, Mr C Pennell, Mrs K M Potter, CIr H L Richardson, Mr L Rix,

Clr D B Taylor, Clr R Wilkinson, Clr Mrs B J Wilson, Mr H A Young.

Apologies for absence: CIr T Bristowe, CIr P Broadhead, Mrs L Crowe, CIr A Marchington,

CIr R Priestley, Mrs S Prince, CIr Mrs S Roberts, CIr K Stevenson,

Clr Mrs J Twigg.

#### 1/07 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that Clr Andrew Marchington had been re-appointed to the Authority by Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council.

## 2/07 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

## **RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No.4 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Paragraph 2 "Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual".

## CORPORATE RESOURCES

# 3/07 REVENUE BUDGET AND PRIORITIES 2007/08 (A137/16/RMM).

Clr Mrs J Bevan declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in this item because her husband was a voluntary ranger. Mr B Neville declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in this item as the Authority's representative on the Derbyshire Sports Partnership. Mr J Herbert declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in this item as the Authority's representative on the Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

Mr A D Hams declared a prejudicial interest in this item as a member of the East Midlands Regional Sports Board. Mr M Crompton declared a prejudicial interest in this item as the Chairman of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council. Clr Mrs T Critchlow declared a prejudicial interest in this item as an employee of the Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

It was agreed that as the Members' prejudicial interests only arose in respect of some proposals for Stage 2 funding cuts, as set out in Annex 3 of the report, that these Members could remain and participate in the meeting and then withdraw when these proposals were to be considered.

This report requested the meeting to agree the results of the prioritisation process undertaken as part of the preparing to deliver a balanced revenue budget for 2007/08. Recommendations were made for proposed allocations and cuts to budgets from the 2006/07 baseline. The full 2007/08 budget report will be presented to the Authority meeting on 9 February 2007.

The meeting considered and discussed the prioritisation of the key corporate actions for 2007/8 in Annex 2 and the proposals for adjustments, allocations and Stage 1 funding cuts in Annex 3.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the prioritisation of key corporate actions for 2007/08 as given in Annex 2 of the report be approved.

Prior to the consideration on the Stage 2 funding cuts part of Annex 3 Mr A D Hams vacated the Chair and left the meeting along with Mr M Crompton and Clr Mrs T Critchlow as they all had declared prejudicial interests in this part of the report.

#### **CIr Mrs H Gaddum took the Chair**

The meeting then considered and discussed the Stage 2 funding cuts in Annex 3 and Recommendation 2 of the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

2. That the proposals for allocations and cuts for achieving a balanced budget in 2007/08 as given in Annex 3 of the report be agreed.

Mr A Hams, Mr M Crompton and Clr Mrs T Critchlow rejoined the meeting.

CIr Mrs H Gaddum vacated the Chair.

#### Mr A D Hams took the Chair

The meeting then considered the other recommendations of the report and an additional recommendation proposed by Mr C Pennell.

## **RESOLVED:**

- 3. A final 2007/08 budget be prepared for Members approval at the February Authority Meeting.
- 4. A plan for communicating the implications of the budget decisions to the public and stakeholders be agreed with the Head of Communications in consultation with the Chair of Services Committee and the Chair of the Authority.

- 5. (a) That the voluntary redundancy for three Area Rangers and the Volunteers Organiser be agreed with effect from 1 April 2007.
  - (b) That three Ranger posts be disestablished with effect from 1 April 2007 with staff changes being managed through the Managing Change Policy.
- 6. That officers be commended for designing a much improved and successful prioritisation process for the 2007/08 budget and are encouraged to consider further refinements for the 2008/09 process, especially to the external impact assessment methodology.

The Meeting ended at 11.15am