

minutes



Meeting GRANT AID AD HOC SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 20 October 2003 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Joyce Bosnjak JP (Chair)
A E D W Llewellyn-Jones (Vice-Chair)

Mrs Sue Bennett	A	Bruce Laughton
Mrs K L Cutts	A	P Tsimbiridis
Alan Davison		

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2003 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest by Members or Officers.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

At the last meeting, members had asked about the disposal of fixed assets by grant-aided organisations. Clare Rickett, Financial Services reported that the advice from Legal Services was that where grant-aid was being given for the purchase of an asset such as a building, the grant-aid agreement could be worded so that the grant was refunded if the asset was sold. Another form of wording could allow for the County Council to receive a proportion of the proceeds of the sale. Councillor Bosnjak believed that the Committee should recommend that grant-aid agreements be worded along one of these lines.

Councillor Bosnjak reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Cross Service Voluntary Sector Officer Group, where she had queried the accuracy of the estimated costs of administering grant-aid, which had been submitted at the last meeting. Mrs Rickett circulated a table which showed for each department the administrative costs as a percentage of the grants paid.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE FINAL REPORT

Members continued to consider possible draft recommendations, focussing on the last three of the Committee's terms of reference. They also suggested general recommendations on grant-aid policy, service level agreements as against grant-aid, the disposal of capital assets, and officers not sitting on management boards.

Mrs Rickett read out draft recommendations which had been drafted in the light of discussion at the last meeting. Members made some amendments to these. It was agreed that she would circulate all the recommendations to members in draft, in case there were any further comments.

The Committee was informed that this was Mrs Rickett's last meeting, as she was leaving shortly to take up a post at Nottingham Trent University. Councillor Bosnjak, on behalf of the Committee, thanked her for all her work on the review.

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

Chair

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