

minutes



Meeting CROSS SERVICE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Wednesday, 2nd June 2004 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

A	Chris Baron		Joe Lonergan MBE
	Roy R J Barsley		J T A Napier
A	Mrs Sue Bennett	A	D E Pulk
	Joyce Bosnjak JP	A	Mrs S Smedley
	M Brandon-Bravo	A	M Suthers OBE
	V H Dobson		1 Vacancy (Labour Group)
A	Andy Freeman		

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The appointment of Councillor Roy R J Barsley as Chair of the Select Committee by the County Council at its meeting on 6th May 2004 was noted.

It was reported that Councillor M Brandon-Bravo had been appointed Vice Chair of the Select Committee by the Council meeting on 1st June 2004. This was noted.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Chris Baron
“ Andy Freeman
“ Mrs S Bennett
“ M Suthers OBE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Select Committee was noted.

SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

A presentation was given by Lynn Senior Head of Scrutiny on possible issues for the Select Committee to examine.

Councillor Barsley felt that the Select Committee should limit itself to 2 reviews as he believed that quality was important rather than quantity. He suggested that a review be carried out of the development of Finningley because of its impact on the County and East Midlands Airport.

Councillor Lonergan agreed that the number of reviews should be limited as Members were involved in other Select Committee work. He commented that other Select Committees were undertaking cross cutting themes and he thought that it was likely in the future that some of these would be diverted to this Select Committee for example Post Office Closures Review. He suggested that the Select Committee look into regional government.

Councillor Napier agreed with the suggestion of a review of joined up Government linked to Regional Government. He thought that it should be proactive and could involve other Councils in the area. He also suggested reviewing service stations on the A1. He felt that any review of Finningley Airport needed to look at its impact on East Midlands Airport. He thought there was a danger of moving trade from one to the other.

Councillor Bosnjak endorsed the suggested review of Regional Government. She thought this should examine how it functions now and how it could work for us as an Authority. This could tie into what the Authority were doing through partnerships. She felt there was a need for a rapid consultation group to respond to issues in the future such as the Post Office Closures. Councillor Lonergan referred to partnership working and expressed concerns about the loss of democratic accountability which seemed to be an increasing theme. He thought this could be linked into the review of Regional Government.

It was agreed:-

- (1) To carry out reviews on Finningley Airport and Regional Government.
- (2) That scoping papers be presented to the next meeting.
- (3) That the operators of Finningley Airport be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting together with an officer from the County Council.
- (4) That all Members of the County Council be invited to attend to hear the presentation.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

CHAIR

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