

EMPLOYEES' CONSULTATIVE FORUM

1 APRIL 2009

- Chairman: * Ms L Ahmad
- Councillors: * David Ashton * Graham Henson
 * Mrs Camilla Bath * Phillip O'Dell
 * Bob Currie * Paul Osborn
 * Susan Hall
- Representatives of HTCC: Ms L Snowdon
- Representatives of UNISON: * Ms M Cawley * Mr G Martin
 * Ms A Jackson * Mr R Thomas
- Representative of GMB: * Mr J Dunbar

* Denotes Member present/Employee Representative present

Also in attendance: Stella George-Duesbury – GMB
 Kathleen MsDonald – GMB

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

147. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

148. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
7. UNISON Report on Housing: Restructuring of Services	Councillor David Ashton	Personal interest in that his daughter-in-law was a Council employee. Accordingly, he would remain in the room and take part in the discussion and decision-making on this item.
	Councillor Bob Currie	Personal interest in that he was a retired member of UNISON and his son was a Council employee. Accordingly, he would remain in the room and take part in the discussion and decision-making on this item
	Councillor Graham Henson	Personal interest in that he was a member of the Communication Workers' Union and his cousin was a Council employee. Accordingly, he would remain in the room and take part in the discussion and decision-making on this item.

149. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2009, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

150. **Petitions, Deputations and Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting under the provisions of the Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rules 16, 14 and 15 respectively (Part 4E of the Constitution).

151. **UNISON Report on Housing: Restructuring of Services:**

The Forum noted that, in addition to a report from UNISON on the Restructuring of Housing Services which had been circulated on the main agenda, a number of documents had been circulated on a supplemental agenda or tabled at the meeting, which the Forum were requested to admit late to the agenda.

The Forum considered that, in order to enable full consideration of all the paperwork now before them, a Special meeting be arranged. It was agreed that the arrangements for the Special meeting would include:

- the current Chairman in the Chair;
- the tabled amendment by UNISON being incorporated into the employee side report;
- observers from the Employee Side attending the meeting subject to clarification on the legal requirements regarding confidential information, that is the details of individual officers would not be discussed in their presence;
- a GMB representative in attendance at the scheduled meeting, who may have left the Council's employment prior to the date agreed for the Special meeting, being authorised to attend and speak at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That a Special meeting of the Forum be arranged.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.00 pm)

(Signed) MS L AHMAD
Chairman