

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
16 December 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs C.Y. Jones) in the Chair

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs F.J. Barden, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, J. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, Ms D.V. Clarke, A.J. Davis, J.B. Dean, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs E. Gill, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Ms R.E. Haylor, Miss M.N. Heath, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, H.W.V. Meares, Prof. A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, D.W. Parr, R. Pate, R.J. Ray, C.J. Ruane, Ms C.M. Simmons, A.P. Tollett, P.J. Waddell, K.J.T. Walmsley, J.R. Whiteley and G.B. Woodger.

Members of the  
Council absent:

Councillors Mrs L.M. Gillham, Mrs Y.P. Lay, B.J. Relph, Mrs M. Roberts, N. Thewlis and P.B. Tuley

404. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2004 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

405. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was pleased to announce that "Operation Christmas Child" had now been concluded. She had met 6,000 local children at 25 school assemblies, and 4,500 shoe boxes had been sent to Romania. Also £9,500 had been raised for the Mayor's Charity. She extended special thanks to Councillor Mrs Norman, Councillor Mrs Gant and her husband, and also to Chertsey Depot and other Council staff. She made special mention of the Council's courier, Jon Woods, who had attended all the school assemblies with her and collected the shoe boxes. Councillor Mrs Norman rose to thank the Mayor for undertaking this task which had proved so successful.

The Quiz Night had raised £900.

The Mayor thanked those Members who had assisted at the reception at St. George's College on 10 December. The function had been appreciated by Council staff.

Finally there would be a New Year Day's sponsored walk in aid of The Early Births Fund starting from The Wheatsheaf Car Park between 12 noon/1 p.m.

406. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs L.M. Gillham, Mrs Y.P. Lay, B.J. Relph, Mrs M. Roberts, N. Thewlis and P.B. Tuley.

407. GRANT AID FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 301 page 390 (Minutes of 3 November 2004) be approved.**

408. GRANT AID – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 344 page 419 (Minutes of 18 November 2004) be approved.**

409. GRANT AID – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 2 December 2004.

**RESOLVED that –**

**grant support to leisure related voluntary organisations and health and social care organisations be administered centrally by the Corporate Management Committee with immediate effect.**

410. LICENSING ACT 2003 – DRAFT LICENSING POLICY

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Licensing Committee as set out in paragraph 365 page 440 (Minutes of 25 November 2004) be approved.**

411. DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL'S TAX BASE FOR 2005/2006

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 2 December 2004.

**RESOLVED that –**

**the Director of Finance be authorised to determine the Council's tax base in future for report to an appropriate meeting of the Corporate Management Committee as a matter for information.**

412. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 2 December 2004.

**RESOLVED that –**

**the revised Annual Investment Strategy for 2004/05 as set out in Appendix '1' of the Corporate Management Committee Minutes be approved.**

413. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2005/2006

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 2 December 2004.

**RESOLVED that –**

**the Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 and schedule of Licensing Sub-Committee meetings, as set out in Appendix '2' of the Corporate Management Committee Minutes be approved.**

414. LICENSING COMMITTEE

In view of the possible heavy workload facing the Licensing Committee it was proposed to increase the membership of that Committee from ten to fifteen Members in order to provide the maximum flexibility in constituting sub-committees. In accordance with Standing Orders this proposal would first need to be considered by the Corporate Management Committee.

It was also agreed that, at her request, Councillor Mrs Barden be allowed to stand down from the Licensing Committee.

**RESOLVED that –**

- i) Corporate Management Committee be asked to report to the next meeting of the Council on the size of the Licensing Committee and any incidental adjustments desirable in the implementation period of the new licensing regime; and**
- ii) Councillor Mrs Y.P. Lay replace Councillor Mrs F.J. Barden on the Licensing Committee with immediate effect.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.)