

JOINT CONSULTATIVE AND SAFETY PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2006

Present: Mr A Rickerby Mrs M Jewell; A Southward; Councillors G Blackwell (in the Chair); G Clements; J Close; J Park; J Prince.

Apologies for absence were received from S Sanczuk; Councillors F Heathcote; A Wonnacott.

Officers: Dr J Stanforth, Chief Executive; L Glead, Human Resources Manager; S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development (Item 1-4); C Lloyd, Business Development Manager (Item 1-4); M Sharrock, Health and Safety Officer; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; L Taylor, Member Services.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

JCSP 09 New Council Centre – Provision of Parking

A report was submitted reviewing parking provisions at The Copeland Centre and the Multi Storey Car Park after the first 12 months of full use. It was noted that the current charging structure, which included 20 free spaces, would result in a deficit of £5,503 in a full year.

Members were informed that improved signage was being provided at Catherine Street and of the introduction of a free 20 minute ticket, available from the machine for visitors.

Members asked that clarification of procedures regarding permits for Members be circulated to all Members.

The Panel were asked to consider the following options to address the deficit:

- a). Increase all current charges by approx. £4.50 per month, this would cover the cost, providing a minimal surplus (£5,886)
- b).
 - i) Charge for the free spaces at the Copeland Centre, at current rates this would provide income of £4,800.
 - ii) Lower the point between multi-storey low/high rates (£8/£14) from

top of scale 3 to top of scale 2 (£15,823 to 14,523), with iii) any shortfall taken up with minimal addition to current charges (estimated at £1 - £2) across the board.

- c). Do nothing, maintain current position, subsidise the shortfall – Approx £5,503 per annum at today's costs.

The Panel proposed that a more detailed review of car parking arrangements be carried out for a period of 6 months and to look at other options such as capping the number of parking spaces available or the number of lower charged permits issued.

RESOLVED - That Executive be asked to approve option C, subject to a 6 month review being carried out to include all other relevant issues including remote working and to fund the deficit pending the 6 month review.

JCSP 10 Health & Safety Report

The Panel welcomed Mike Sharrock to his first meeting in his capacity as the Council's Health & Safety Officer and noted that significant progress was being made in improving the Council's approach to in house health and safety since his appointment in November.

The Panel were informed that following the Health & Safety Executives recommendation Terry Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life) had taken up the role of senior management "champion" for health and safety, and that regular meetings of the Corporate Health and Safety Group would be taking place to discuss and review performance and issues.

The Health and Safety Officer informed Members of training activities taking place or scheduled, including a 1 day IOSH course on Health and Safety for Corporate Team, a four day course for managers and an extensive programme of Manual Handling Training.

The Panel agreed that any health and safety issues raised and not actioned would be brought before Corporate Team Health & Safety Group then to Joint Consultative and Safety Panel. It was agreed that an overview of all health & safety activities be sent out to all Councillors

JCSP 11 Other Business

Lighting in The Copeland Centre

Consultants have been working with Copeland as this issue was going to arbitration. London and Regional had accepted some of the points raised but not all of them.

Ceiling in the Atrium

Members were informed of a proposal to install an open cell ceiling in the atrium to enhance working conditions by reducing noise and glare.

The Meeting close at 3.45pm

Chairman