

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. G. Bennett - Chairman

Present: Councillors P. G. Cuckston, R. C. Dudman, J. P. Holland and M. G. Simper.

465. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. J. Palmer and Mrs A. Warman (Vice-Chairman).

466. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

467. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January, 2010 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

468. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

469. Update on Child Protection

The report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to note the work currently being undertaken and comment accordingly. Members noted the progress that had been made on the recommendations listed in the action plan.

Officers agreed to amend definitions to explain that vulnerable adults covered by this policy extended up to the age of 24. Officers also confirmed that the policy covered allegations of abuse made against Members. This was covered in paragraph 7.3 but the definition of staff would be expanded to include Members.

RECOMMENDED that subject to any recommended changes, the Child Protection Policy as detailed in Appendix B to this report be forwarded to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Voting: Unanimous

DELEGATED BUSINESS

470. Update on Work Related to Moors Valley Country Park and Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre Audits

The report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to note the actions detailed in this report. Officers explained the progress that had been made in implementing the auditor's recommendations and updated progress on action points where necessary.

RESOLVED that the actions detailed in Appendix 1 to this report be noted.

Voting: Unanimous

471. Audit Review of Travel and Subsistence, Car Loans and Lease Cars.

The report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members considered the report on the findings of the Internal Auditor following the review of the systems and controls in place for administration and payment of travel and subsistence, and the administration of car loans and lease cars.

RESOLVED that the auditor's opinion be supported.

Voting: Unanimous

472. Progress Report on Implementing Audit Recommendations

The report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members noted the progress made by service managers in implementing recommendations agreed with both the internal and external auditors. Following advice from officers, Members updated action points up to the end of February 2010.

RESOLVED that Members note the content of the report and agree any variations to previously agreed action dates where necessary.

Voting: Unanimous

473. Audit Programme 2009/2010

The report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were advised on the progress against the audit timetable.

RESOLVED that the Committee approve the updated Audit Review

Timetable.

Voting: Unanimous

474. Treasury Management Quarterly Report

The report was submitted for information, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members noted the report on treasury management operations for the period October to December 2009.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN