

Draft minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the C

Taunton Deane Borough Council

At a meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held in the Principal Committee Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on 19 December 2006 at 7.00 pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Hindley)

Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Beaven, Bishop, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, N Cavill, Miss S Cavill, Clark, Coles, Croad, Davies, Denington, Durdan, Garner, Guerrier, Hall, Henley, Mrs M Hill, House, Lees, Leighton, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Paul, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Slattery, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Stone, Stuart-Thorn, Watson, Wedderkopp, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams and Mrs Wilson.

1. Public Question Time

- (i) Paul Partington asked why future meeting dates had not been included on the Council's website.

The Mayor assured Mr Partington that this matter would be looked into and a reply will be sent to him as soon as possible.

- (ii) Patricia Rowe of Tenants Against Transfer informed the Council that on behalf of the Tenants she was relieved by the result of the ballot. There was now a clear mandate for Council houses to remain with the Council and she hoped that the Council would work with tenants to help secure the necessary additional funding.

Councillor Garner reassured all tenants and members that the Council would work to mitigate as far as possible the effect on tenants of the cuts that would now have to be made. The Tenants Forum would support any such efforts.

2. Declarations

Councillor Prior-Sankey declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a tenant of a Council owned garage and Councillors Mrs Marcia Hill and Stuart-Thorn both declared personal but not prejudicial interests as Council tenants. Councillor N Cavill declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as a member of the Shadow Housing Board.

3. Result of the ballot to transfer the Housing Stock to Deane Housing

This issue had been discussed in some detail at a meeting of the Executive which had taken place immediately before this meeting. Further consideration was given to the result of the housing transfer ballot where tenants of Taunton Deane had voted "no" to the transfer of Council houses to

Deane Housing Ltd. Particular attention was paid to the various issues as listed in the Minutes of the Executive meeting and the Agenda for this meeting that would now need to be addressed following the result of the ballot.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Executive be agreed, the plans outlined in the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 19 December 2006 be now progressed with the aim of ensuring that the Housing Service continued to deliver as good a service to the tenants of this Council as finances would permit.

(The meeting ended at 7.23 pm)