

INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(SPECIAL MEETING)

TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2004 AT 2.20 PM

PRESENT: Councillors C Bowman, Mrs Crookdake, Dodd, Mrs Farmer (as substitute for Councillor Allison), Hendry (as substitute for Councillor Stockdale), Im Thurn, Miss Martlew and Mrs Rutherford.

ALSO

PRESENT: Councillor Bloxham, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Infrastructure and Transport

IOS.81/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allison and Stockdale.

IOS.82/04 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services commenced the meeting by reminding Members that no agreement had been reached at the special meeting of the Committee held on 28 June 2004 regarding the appointment of a Chairman for the Municipal Year 2004/05 and therefore that appointment would now be dealt with by the City Council.

Mr Egan further outlined the options open to the Committee in respect of today's meeting, namely:

- To agree to the appointment of a Chairman for this meeting only to enable the business relating to Regional Government and Local Government Review to be transacted, or
- To agree to proceed without a Chairman and to suspend Council Procedure Rule 7.2 for this meeting only, thereby allowing the item of business to be transacted without a Chairman having been appointed, or
- To do neither of the above, in which case the item of business would not be proceeded with at this meeting.

Nominations for a Chairman for this meeting were invited.

It was moved by Councillor Im Thurn and seconded by Councillor Miss Martlew that Councillor Mrs Rutherford be appointed Chairman of the Committee for this meeting.

It was further moved by Councillor Dodd and seconded by Councillor Mrs Crookdake that Councillor C Bowman be appointed Chairman of the Committee for this meeting.

Following a tied vote, Members were asked to consider suspending Council Procedure Rule 7.2 to allow the meeting to proceed without a Chairman, which course of action was moved by Councillor C Bowman and seconded by Councillor Mrs Crookdake.

A Member outlined, for the record, the position of the Labour Party as regards the appointment of Chairmen to Overview and Scrutiny, namely that as a matter of principle and good Overview and Scrutiny Management it was imperative for the opposition to hold the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committees. In those circumstances Labour Members would not give their approval to the suspension of Council Procedure Rule 7.2.

Following voting the position was tied.

Accordingly the item of business (Regional Government and Local Government Review) was not dealt with and the meeting was closed.

[The meeting ended at 2.23 pm]