CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday 21 March 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Favell (Chairman)

Councillors Atkins (left at 7.25 p.m., Barratt, Bisknell, Davey, Faulkner, Gadd (substitute for Fiddy), Kay, Lomax, A. McKeown, Mellor and Young.

Councillors Thrane and Webster were also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fiddy.

11/62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(Agenda item 2)

Councillors Atkins declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies) (reason: wife is a member of Arden Quarry Sub-Committee and he and his wife and members of New Mills Town Partnership)

Councillor Gadd declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies) (reason: member of New Mills Town Partnership and New Mills Volunteer Bureau)

Councillor Bisknell declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies) (reasons: HPBC nominee to Derbyshire Scrutiny Liaison Group and husband is a HPBC nominee to Fairfield Endowed School Trustees)

Councillor Young declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies) (reason: member of Chapel Mobile Physiotherapy Services)

Councillor A McKeown declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies) (reason: HPBC appointed Board Member to High Peak Community Housing)

11/63 MINUTES
(Agenda item 4)

With reference to minute 11/57, it was reported that the definition of a pet shop meant shops with live pets.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2011 be approved as a correct record.
**11/64**  **BENCHMARKING SUB-COMMITTEE – PROGRESS**  
(Agenda item 5)

The Committee considered a report on progress made by the Benchmarking Sub-Committee during 2010/11, together with its future work programme. It was also noted that the Sub-Committee had recommended that it become a Standing Sub-Committee of the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted;

2. That the recommendation that the Benchmarking Sub-Committee be appointed as a Standing Sub-Committee of the Council be approved.

**11/65**  **REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**  
(Agenda item 6)

The Committee reviewed the outside bodies to which the Executive makes appointments on an annual basis, following a consultation which had been undertaken whereby members completed a questionnaire to ascertain the benefit to the Council of attendance at meetings of the organisation.

Specific consideration was given to continued representation on Buxton Volunteer Bureau, Buxton & District Local Quarries Joint Liaison Committee, LGA Rural Commission, LGA Urban Commission and Glossop Arts and Leisure Association.

It was commented that this was a worthwhile exercise to undertake on a yearly basis.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Executive be recommended that the following organisations be not appointed to:

- Gamesley Community Centre
- Hayfield Village Hall Committee
- Spa Business Association
- Derbyshire Age Concern
- Derbyshire County Forum on Domestic Abuse
- Groundwork Derby & Derbyshire
- National Society for Clean Air & Environmental Protection – East Midlands
- Glossop Arts and Leisure Association
- Arden Quarry Liaison Committee
- Peak District Rural Housing Association

**11/66**  **MORE EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – NATIONAL CONSULTATION**  
(Agenda item 7)
The Committee considered a report which provided a summary of a Home Office consultation report on tools to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The proposed changes included the introduction of a smaller number of orders to replace a number of existing measures that was outlined at paragraph 8.3 of the report, which represented a move towards ensuring that local authorities, the police and partners have “faster, more flexible” tools to respond to problems. It was also reported that consideration was being given by the Home Office to the introduction of a community trigger for persistent anti social behaviour that had not been addressed by community safety partners.

The proposed changes were welcomed by the Committee, together with the expectation that the proposals would lead to more flexibility. Concerns were expressed however, regarding whether issues would be referred to the civil, rather than criminal court, together with concerns around the use of hearsay evidence. Concerns were also expressed around the proposed Police Direction Power and the actual powers to be retained by the police.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted;

2. That the comments outlined above be included in High Peak Borough Council’s response to the Home Office.

11/67 WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda item 8)

In response to a request for a further update on Buxton Pool, the Assistant Chief Executive advised that to the best of his knowledge there was no further information was available at this time, but that the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer would be requested to keep councillors up to date.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committees’ Work Programmes 2010/11 be noted.

11/68 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

As this was the last meeting of the Select Committee, the Chairman thanked all councillors for their attendance and support over the last four years, and conveyed his thanks to the officers for their assistance and contribution.

The meeting concluded at 7.42 p.m.