

Special Cabinet minutes

Monday 15 May 2006 at 8.00 a.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House Walsall

Present

Councillor Tom Ansell	Leader of the Council
Councillor John O'Hare	Deputy leader and resources
Councillor Zahid Ali	Communities and partnerships
Councillor Eddie Hughes	Children's services
Councillor Marco Longhi	Environment and transport
Councillor Melvin Pitt	Housing and community safety
Councillor Garry Perry	Leisure and Culture
Councillor Alan Paul	Social care and health

1540 Apology

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Andrew.

1541 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1542 Private Session

Exclusion of public

Resolved

That the Cabinet considers that the item for consideration is exempt information by virtue of the appropriate paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and accordingly resolves to consider the item in private.

Summary of private session

1543 Procedural proposals in relation to an Employment Tribunal claim

Reason for urgency: To enable the Cabinet to decide how to proceed at the employment tribunal to be held at 10 am today. Final details relating to this case were not finalised until late on Sunday the 14 May.

The Cabinet considered a report informing them that the Council was due to defend a case in the Birmingham Employment Tribunal for a 2 week period from today (15 May 2006). Legal advice given to the Council was that it was in the Council's best interests to either seek to settle the claim in advance of the tribunal or to concede on two of the three heads of claim. In order to deal with a number of scenarios, the Cabinet agreed to that course of action and further agreed that the Leader urgently request the District Auditor to commence an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances of this case.

[Exempt information under paragraphs 1 to 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]

The meeting terminated at 9.45 am.