

Lancashire County Council

Urgency Committee of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8th November, 2012 at 2.30 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver (Chair)

County Councillors

A Atkinson
M Devaney
K Iddon
J Mein

D O'Toole
J Shedwick
B Winlow

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors C Grunshaw and P Malpas.

County Councillor K Iddon replaced County Councillor P Malpas for the meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Membership of the Scrutiny Committee

It was reported that the Scrutiny Committee in July 2012 had received a report of the Arts Development Funding Joint Task Group established to examine the state of arts in pan Lancashire. The Committee approved the Task Group's report and its recommendations with some amendments.

The final approved report of the Task Group was then referred to the appropriate Cabinet Member, County Councillor Mike Calvert, to formally respond to the recommendations of the Task Group. The report was also issued by the County Council to all witnesses and partners involved in the Task Group's work.

It had subsequently come to light that the Chairman of the Task Group, County Councillor Kevin Ellard, had issued to the same organisations and individuals an unauthorised version of the report. A number of those who had received both versions of the document had contacted the County Council expressing their confusion.

In considering what action to take on the matter the Committee noted that the Labour Group had removed County Councillor Ellard from the membership of the Scrutiny Committee until the end of the municipal year.

Resolved: That the Committee note that County Councillor K Ellard has been removed from the membership of the Scrutiny Committee by the Labour Group until the end of the municipal year and agree that in those circumstances no further action need therefore to be taken.

5. Urgent Business

None.

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County Secretary and Solicitor

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