

EXTRACT OF MINUTE

Finance - 7.4.98

respect of pre-reorganisation highway schemes.

2140 Revenue Budget 1998/99

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the action taken on the Education budget by the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be noted;
- (ii) the contents of the report and the attached financial information be approved;
- (iii) the service committee budgets be reported to each committee for consideration.

2141 Local Government Association (LGA) Subscription

RESOLVED that a subscription of £75,217 be paid to the Local Government Association for 1998-99.

2142 Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Fraud Initiatives 1998/99

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) another visiting officer be appointed on Scale 4 for a period of 12 months, the costs being financed by a grant from the Department of Social Security;
- (ii) the report be referred to the Personnel Committee for confirmation.

2143 Rent Arrears - Write Offs

RESOLVED that rent arrears to the value of £55,231.33 be written off.

2144 Sundry Debtors - Write Offs

RESOLVED that sundry debts to the value of £11,682.37 be written off.

2145 Works in Default

RESOLVED that where the Council is to undertake work in default:-

- (i) for works to a value of £10,000 the Director of Environmental Services be able to authorise such works as are considered necessary;
- (ii) for works greater than £10,000 the approval of the Public Protection Committee be sought.

2146**Council Tax Discounts for Second Homes in Wales**

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) with effect from 1st April 1998 both classes of unoccupied and furnished dwellings referred to in "The Council Tax" (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)

(Wales) Regulations 1998 be awarded a nil discount;

- (ii) Council Tax be levied with effect from the first day that a property falls into either class.

2147 Cashier Staff - Essential User Allowance

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) two existing cashier posts be designated as Peripatetic Cashier posts and these posts be awarded Essential User Car Allowance;
- (ii) the report be referred to the Personnel Committee.

2148 Appointment of an Energy and Water Officer

It was reported that the bid of £70,000 to the New Initiatives Fund from Environmental Services would now be funded from a different source.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) a further £22,000 for a replacement boiler at Tredomen be allocated from the New Initiatives Fund;
- (ii) the bid of £30,000 from the New Initiatives Fund to fund the appointment of an Energy and Water Officer be agreed.

2149 Best Value - Performance Plans

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Performance Plans be endorsed as:-
 - (a) a basis for service delivery in 1998/99;
 - (b) a valid contribution to the Caerphilly Programme and the Wales Evaluation Study;
 - (c) a sound basis for further development;

2150 Items for Information

The following items were reported and noted:-

- (a) Treasury Management - Monitoring Report;
- (b) Local Land Charges Enquiries Fees;
- (c) Procurement Services - Recent Developments. It was agreed that the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, be authorised to purchase a new computer system for Procurement Services.