

CITY OF WESTMINSTER
URGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At a meeting of an Urgency Committee of the Cabinet held on Monday 12 May 2004 at 5.00 p.m. at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, NW1.

Present: Councillors: Kit Malthouse (Chairman), Colin Barrow, Michael Brahams

Also Present: Councillor Simon Stockill

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1.1 Councillor Colin Barrow declared an interest in items 3 and 6 on the agenda (Designated Sales), insofar as there was a possibility that he might be a beneficiary from a trust which had been managed by a bank that was providing a service to Dame Shirley Porter. The interest was considered non-prejudicial, as the issues before the Committee would have no impact upon him personally. Councillor Barrow therefore remained in the meeting room and took part in the Committee's consideration of these items.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

3. DESIGNATED SALES: RECOVERY OF "SURCHARGE"

- 3.1 The Director of Legal and Administrative Services introduced the report updating Members on the outcome of the mediation held on 22 and 23 April 2004 to reach a settlement with Dame Shirley Porter in respect of the City Council's claim against her, arising from the "surcharge" imposed by the House of Lords.
- 3.2 The Committee noted the current position, including the financial aspects, and the proposed next steps, which were expected to result in one further meeting in July 2004.
- 3.3 **RESOLVED:** That the current position be noted.

4. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 4.1 **RESOLVED:** That under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below:

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Grounds</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
6	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons and advice received, information obtained, or action to be taken, in connection with legal proceedings.	9 & 12

5. DESIGNATED SALES: RECOVERY OF “SURCHARGE” (Item 5)

- 5.1 Members considered two confidential appendices to the report (item 3).
- 5.2 **RESOLVED:** That the contents of the appendices be noted.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 6.1 The meeting ended at 5.28 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date