

**DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2007
(FROM 4.30 PM TO 5.30 PM)**

PRESENT: Councillor Harrison in the Chair. Councillors Robin Adderley, Mrs Atkinson, Broadbank, Clark, de Coursey-Bayley, Galloway, Hawkins, Bob Nash, Charlie Powell, Dr Rothwell, Webber and Wilson.

Late Arrivals: None.

Early Departures: None.

21/06 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Peter Phillips. Notification had been received that Councillor Hawkins was to act as substitute for Councillor Chris Lewis and Councillor Bob Nash for Councillor Grange.

22/06 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.

23/06 - **MINUTES:**

a) the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 16 November 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(Nine Members voted for the motion and there were four abstentions).

b) the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 30 November 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(Nine Members voted for the motion and there were four abstentions).

24/06 - **EXEMPT INFORMATION:**

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That, in accordance with Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the public during the discussion of Minute 25/06, as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Act.

The exempt information in question relates to information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings as defined in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12a to the Act, as amended.

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MATTER WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

25/06 - **SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 2006:**

APPLICATION 6.142.135.A.FUL: The Monitoring Officer submitted a written report regarding a decision made by the District Development Sub-Committee on 16 November 2006. It was advised that under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 he was required to report to the authority if any of its decisions were unlawful or maladministration. The Sub-Committee were informed that the authority had to consider the recommendations within 21 days. In the meantime, the decision was suspended.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That (1) the District Development Sub-Committee should reconsider the application;

(2) the information given to the Sub-Committee should include an assessment of the viability of the unit which explains the assumptions on which the assessment is based. The author of that assessment should be available for the Committee to question. The Sub-Committee should consider the viability of the unit on the basis of the evidence before it;

(3) the Head of Planning Services should review the Council's procedures for assessing applications to which LDP Policy H7 applies, where a house is said to be essential to the needs of agriculture or forestry or where there is special justification; and

(4) a review of planning training for Members should be undertaken to include further guidance and advice in respect of agricultural development.

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(Minute taken in exempt session - there is also an Unpublished Minute)