

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY CABINET

45/05 – THE COMMISSION FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN ENGLAND –

ANNUAL LETTER 2004/2005: The Local Government Ombudsman, Patricia Thomas, together with her deputy, Mr Mick King, attended the meeting in order to discuss the annual letter for 2004/2005, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council. Mrs Thomas advised that the letter had raised no major concerns about the Council, there had been no critical reports or local settlements and could, therefore, be regarded as a good report. In response to this, the Leader took the opportunity to compliment all appropriate Officers in ensuring such a good report from the Commissioner.

Mrs Thomas then introduced to Cabinet her deputy Mr King who summarised the ongoing development of the service exemplified by its role in also providing information to Authorities, identifying themes and trends, sharing good practice and undertaking stakeholder consultation, as well as increasing awareness of the Commission and its responsibilities. In response to a question from the Leader, Mr King agreed to examine current Commission practice in relation to the provision of summary information in respect of complaints received.

Mrs Thomas concluded by advising that she was shortly to retire from the Commission and would be succeeded towards the end of October by Mrs Anne Seekes.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That the favourable report received from the Commission for Local Administration in England be received, Mrs Thomas and Mr King be thanked for their attendance and the good wishes of the Council passed to Mrs Thomas in respect of her impending retirement.

Reason for making decision:

To consider the Commission for Local Administration's annual letter 2004/2005.

Alternative option considered and rejected:

None.

(5.32 – 5.44 pm)

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