

TRUST COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held on 23rd January, 2006.

Present: Councillor F.T. Johnson (Chairman); Councillor A.G. Powell (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Miss. J. Cole, Mrs. S.I. Sharpe, S.T. Wiliam and E.T. Williams.

766 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE -

This was received from Councillor J. Clifford.

767 MINUTES -

RECOMMENDED - T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, 2005 be approved as a correct record.

768 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations were received.

769 APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISER TO THE TRUST COMMITTEE (DFICTP) -

Approval was sought for the appointment of an independent Financial Adviser on behalf of the Trust Committee in respect of the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the former Cowbridge Grammar School. At its meeting on 2nd March, 2005 the Committee had requested that information regarding investment options be submitted together with the views of the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust as to the division of the investments. The information that had been received provided details on the companies and the suggestions for investment. As a result of the complexity of the investment issues it had been proposed that officers arrange meetings/interviews with a small number of independent financial advisers to discuss the various options for investment.

The Trust Committee had resolved that the Director of Finance, ICT and Property arrange meetings with a number of independent financial advisers to discuss the investment options, the likely costs and that the outcomes of the meetings be referred to a future meeting of the Committee. On 26th October and 18th November 2005 the Chairman of the Trust Committee, the Director and a Principal Officer from Finance, ICT and Property Directorate met and interviewed a number of independent financial advisers. As a result a preferred adviser was suggested and the Chairman requested that a presentation by the preferred adviser be made to Trust Committee Members.

It was also reported that the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee were in the process of considering the appointment of a financial adviser and it was suggested that a joint presentation take place to both Committees.

Prior to this meeting the preferred adviser Marlene Shalton of Chambers, Morgan James, and the Managing Director of the Company presented to both Committee members her background and her involvement with other Trust Committees in advising on investment options. Ms. Shalton confirmed that her charge for her services would be on a fixed fee basis of 1% of the investment value and for ongoing work 0.5% (annual charge) of the investment value. Ms Shalton further advised that she would prepare a report on an annual basis which would provide an economic outlook and she would also be available for discussion of issues and if required attend Committee meetings. If the Committee wished they could also receive an update on their portfolio on a six monthly basis. She confirmed that the company had indemnity insurance and complied with the FSA and before proceeding with any investments a report would be presented to the Committee detailing Ms. Shalton's recommendations for approval.

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T Chambers, Morgan James be appointed as the independent financial adviser to the Trust Committee and that the agreement be subject to future review.
- (2) T H A T Chambers, Morgan James be appointed on a fixed fee basis of 1% of the investment value for the first year and thereafter reviewed .
- (3) T H A T a further report from the financial adviser be presented to the Committee in due course on the investment of the Trust Funds.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) and (2) To appoint an independent financial adviser in respect of the investment of the Trust's funds.
- (3) To apprise Members.