

AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of Sub-Committees
 - (a) General Purposes (Licensing) Sub-Committee (pages 1-24)
 - Submit Minute of special meeting held on 25 October 2004 (copy herewith)
 - Submit Minute of meeting held on 1 November 2004 (copy herewith)
 - Submit Minute of special meeting held on 15 November 2004 (copy herewith)
 - Submit Minute of meeting held on 18 November 2004 (copy herewith)
 - Submit Minute of special meeting held on 1 December 2004 (copy herewith)
 - Submit Minute of special meeting held on 16 December 2004 (copy herewith)
 - (b) Civic Functions Group (pages 25-27)
 - Submit Minute of meeting held on 8 December 2004 (copy herewith)

FINANCIAL

- (2) 2004/2005 Budget Monitoring Report - Department of Administration (excluding Personnel) - 1 April to 12 November 2004 (pages 28-34)
 - Submit report dated 23 November 2004 by the Director of Administration detailing, for the period 1 April to 12 November 2004 actual expenditure and income against the estimates detailed in the 2004/2005 Budget (copy herewith)

OPERATIONAL

- (3) Taxi Licensing - Taxi Fares Review (pages 35-40)
 - Submit report dated 15 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising Members of the outcome of the consultation on the taxi fares review and to present the matter for decision (copy herewith)
- (4) Review of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing - Age Limits and Vehicle Colours for Private Hire Cars (pages 41-47)
 - Submit report dated 13 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising of the outcome of the consultation process with private hire car operators on the age limits and vehicle colours and presenting options for consideration (copy herewith)
- (5) Review of the Licensing Provisions Contained in the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (copy to follow)
- (6) Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Fees (pages 48-49)
 - Submit report dated 3 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising of the issue of statutory instruments governing fees chargeable under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and making recommendations with regard to the charging of fees (copy herewith)

- (7) Freedom of Information: Elected Members (pages 50-57)
Submit report dated 6 January 2005 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of draft guidance, issued by the Scottish Information Commissioner at the request of COSLA, on how Freedom of Information will affect Councillors, and (2) seeking homologation of a response to COSLA's consultation thereon (copy herewith)
- (8) Proposals to Close Post Offices within the Council's Area (pages 58-59)
Submit report dated 5 January 2004 by the Director of Administration advising of the Post Office proposals to close post offices within the Council's area (copy herewith)
- (9) Administration Department Service Improvement Plan 2004/05 to 2006/07 and Revenue Budget 2005/06 (pages 60-123)
Submit report dated 1 December 2004 by the Director of Administration seeking approval for the Administration Department's Service Improvement Plan for 2004/05 to 2006/07 and the Revenue Budget 2005/06 (copy herewith)
- (10) Administration Department - Performance Report (copy to follow)
- (11) Town Twinning - Schweinfurt Unterfrankenschau 2004 (page 124)
Submit report dated 2 December 2004 by the Director of Administration advising of receipt, from the Chairman of Schweinfurt Twinning Association, of a report on involvement in the Unterfrankenschau 2004 (UFRA) (copy herewith)
- (12) Twinning - World Rowing Championship (page 125)
Submit report dated 6 January 2005 by the Director of Administration proposing that representatives from each of the Council's twin towns be invited to visit North Lanarkshire on the occasion of the World Rowing Championships to be held in Strathclyde Park from 8 to 11 September 2005 (copy herewith)
- (13) Conferences (pages 126-127)
Submit report dated 5 January 2005 by the Director of Administration advising of invitations received in respect of Member attendance at conferences (copy herewith)

STAFFING

- (14) Council House Sales - Review of Temporary Solicitor Post (pages 128-129)
Submit report dated 16 December 2004 by the Director of Administration seeking approval to make permanent the temporary Solicitor post dealing with Council House Sales (copy herewith)