

MINUTES of MEETING of CASTLE TOWARD SUB-COMMITTEE held in the MEMBERS' ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on FRIDAY, 18 JUNE 2004

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)
Councillor Bruce Marshall Councillor Robert Macintyre

Attending: Susan Mair, Head of Legal and Protective Services
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance
Nick Allan, Estates Manager
Hugh Blake, Estates Surveyor

Apologies: Councillor Robin Banks Councillor George Freeman

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Macaskill declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the presentations from potential marketing agents dealt with at item 3 of this minute because a family member was currently employed by one of the firms invited to give presentation. He therefore took no part in the meeting and Councillor Walsh was unanimously appointed chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Castle Toward Sub-Committee of 7 June 2004 were approved as a correct record.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

*** 3. CONSIDER PRESENTATIONS FROM POTENTIAL MARKETING AGENTS: CASTLE TOWARD**

The Sub-Committee received presentation from 6 potential marketing agents.

Decision

1. To recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee that DMH Baird Lumsden be appointed as the preferred marketing agents.
2. To recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee that, in accordance with advice from all of the prospective agents, the property be marketed in spring 2005.
3. That the costs of this exercise be met from the surplus property account.

1. That the Estates Manager and DMH Baird Lumsden now commence negotiations regarding the time table and bring back a report to the Sub-Committee in 8 weeks time.

(Reference: Letter to potential marketing agents from Head of Legal and Protective Services, submitted).