

EXECUTIVE BOARD

23RD DECEMBER 2005

PRESENT: Councillor M Harris in the Chair
Councillors D Blackburn, J L Carter, Harker,
Harrand, Jennings, J Procter, Smith
and Wakefield

179 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the report referred to in minute 182 on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information or confidential information, defined in Access to Information Procedure Rules as indicated in the minute.

180 Late Items

Headingley Cricket Ground (Minute 182) the meeting had been called at short notice because of the time constraints in relation to the agreement on the future ownership of the ground.

181 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Wakefield, Harris, Harker, Smith and Jennings declared personal interests in the item relating to Headingley Cricket Ground (Item 182) in the same terms as recorded in the minutes of the meetings held on 16th November and 14th December 2005.

182 Headingley Cricket Ground

Further to Minute 177 of the meeting held on 14th December 2005 the Director of Corporate Services submitted a report providing an update to Members on progress of discussions in relation to a request from the Yorkshire County Cricket Club Ltd for the Council to provide assistance to enable them to purchase the Headingley Cricket Ground in order to secure test matches at the ground.

A copy of a proposed agreement between Yorkshire County Cricket Club and the Leeds Cricket Football and Athletics Co Ltd was appended to the report.

Circulated at the meeting were details of transaction costs, a plan of the areas under discussion and an updated appendix A.

The report, appendices and circulated information were designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4(7) and (9) and were considered in private.

RESOLVED – To agree to the provision of a loan facility to Yorkshire County Cricket Club as outlined in the reports considered by the Board and that detailed arrangements be delegated to the Directors of Corporate Services, Development, Learning and Leisure and Legal and Democratic Services as appropriate.

(The decision was exempt from Call In because of the deadline to conclude this matter by the end of December 2005).