TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY COMMITTEE
26th July, 1996

Present:- Councillor S. Walker (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor Wardle); Councillors Eagleton, Hamilton, Lynch and Manns.

1217 URGENT BUSINESS POWERS

The following report was submitted :-

URGENT BUSINESS POWERS
15th July, 1996

1217(1) EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

1217(2) ROTHERHAM TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY – ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – ADMINISTRATION SECTION

The General Manager, RTC, referred to Minute No. 611 of July, 1996 and submitted a report detailing proposed changes to the structure of the Administrative Section, as a matter of urgency, for the effective provision of administration to RTC. The report referred to new temporary administrative posts, to be reviewed in March 1997 and the regularisation of typing posts.

The General Manager reported verbally on the financial implications and stated that the funding of such proposals could be contained in the 1996/97 financial accounts.

The General Manager also reported that the proposed changes had been discussed and agreed with the Director of DSOs and the Head of Human Resources and Information Systems.

Resolved (by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Technical Consultancy Committee, in exercise of their urgent business powers):-

That the proposed changes to the structure of the Administration Section of Rotherham Technical Consultancy and the filling of the posts, outlined in the General Manager's report, be approved, the funding of such proposals being contained in the 1996/97 financial accounts.

1218 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs, indicated below, of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

1219 BUSINESS PLAN 1996/97

Pursuant to Minutes Nos. 663 of July, 1996, the General Manager submitted the Rotherham Technical Consultancy's Business Plan for 1996/97.

Concern was expressed by this Committee regarding Client/DSO relationships and Members suggested that provision be made in the Council's Standing Orders to control the matter.

(1) Recommended:- That, subject to the approval of the DSO Board, the Rotherham Technical Consultancy's Business Plan for 1996/97, as now amended, be approved.

(2) Resolved:- (a) That, in accordance with Minute No. 2653(5) of 14th February, 1996, the General Manager be authorised to proceed with making the appointments to the vacant posts in the organisational structure.

(b) That the DSO Board be asked to consider the application of the Council's Standing Orders to the work of the DSOs.

(Exempt under Paragraphs 1, 8 and 9 of the Act)

1220 ANNUAL REPORT 1995/96

The General Manager submitted the first Annual Report for Rotherham Technical Consultancy which covered the financial period April 1995 to March, 1996.

The Annual Report included a Statement by the Chairman, Councillor Sheila Walker.

Resolved:- That the Annual Report be received and referred to the DSO Board for information.

(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act)

1221 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

In accordance with Minute No. 523 of August, 1995, the General Manager submitted a report relating to the employment of additional resources, together with details of overtime worked during the period 16th May to 15th June, 1996 on fee-earning activities.

Resolved;- That the report, as now amended, be received.

(Exempt under Paragraph 1 of the Act)