Employment Committee 7 October 2019



Time and venue:

10.00 am in the Warren Room - Lewes House, High Street, Lewes

Membership:

Councillor ; Councillors Roy Burman (Vice-Chair) Nancy Bikson, Isabelle Linington, William Meyer and Zoe Nicholson

Quorum: 2

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Agenda

1 Appointment of Chair

To approve the appointment of a Chair for this municipal year.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 March 2019.

3 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

4 Declarations of interest

Disclosure by councillors of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the councillor regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

5 Urgent items

Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 Written questions from councillors

To deal with written questions from councillors pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.3 (page D8 of the Constitution).

7 Health and Safety - Accident Report for Quarter 2

Presentation from Specialist Advisor Health and Safety

8 Social Media Policy (Pages 11 - 30)

Report of Head of HR

9 Flexible Working Policy (Pages 31 - 40)

Report of Head of HR

10 Proposed Joint Staff Advisory Committee (Pages 41 - 50)

Report of the Assistant Director – HR and Transformation and Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services

11 Sickness Absence Quarter 4 (2018/19) and Quarter 1 (2019/20) (Pages 51 - 70)

Report of Head of HR

12 Update on Joint Transformation Programme

Verbal update by Head of HR

13 Consideration of matters raised by the employees' side

To consider any matters raised by the employees' side in respect of the items on this agenda.

14 Exclusion of the press and public

It is considered that any discussion of appendices 2 and 4 to Agenda Item 11 is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Should the Committee wish to discuss these in detail, such discussion may need to take place in private session.

The exempt information reasons are shown on the papers concerned, which are printed on pink paper. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

15 Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Employment Committee is scheduled to be held on 9 December 2019 in the Telscombe Room, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB, commencing at 10.00am.

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