



Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Ditchling Room, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes on Thursday, 14 January 2016 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor R O’Keeffe MBE (Chair)

Councillors S Adeniji; G Amy; B Bovington; J Carr; J Carter; S Catlin; M Chartier; S Davy; N Enever; P Gander; P Gardiner; B Giles; J Harrison-Hicks; T Jones; I Linington; A Loraine; R Maskell; E Merry; S Murray; D Neave; T Nicholson; J Peterson; T Rowell; S Saunders; J Sheppard; A Smith; R Turner and L Wallraven.

Apologies received:

Councillors S Barnes; R Blackman; P Franklin; S Gauntlett; O Honeyman; S Osborne; R Robertson and C Sugarman.

Minutes

53 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 December 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

54 Urgent Items

Councillor Ruth O’Keeffe MBE

The Council congratulated the Chair of the Council, Councillor O’Keeffe, on her recent award of an MBE which she received in The Queen’s New Years’ Honours List for her services to the Lewes community.

Action

55 Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Chair of the Council moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the motion that, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public and press be excluded from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council during the discussion of Agenda Item 6 entitled "Appointment of Shared Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service" as there were likely to be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely: Information relating to any individual; Information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

55.1 Accordingly.

56 Appointment of Shared Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith moved, and Councillor Saunders seconded, the motion that the recommendation contained in Report No 10/16, as set out on page 4 of Council Document A relating to the Appointment of the Shared Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, be received and adopted and that an additional recommendation be also received and adopted, namely:

That from the appointed date of 18 January 2016, the new shared Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service will take on responsibility for the full operational management of both councils, including the exercise of all those powers which are delegated to the Chief Executive role at both Eastbourne and Lewes. From this date the outgoing Chief Executive at Lewes will be responsible for ensuring the appropriate handover of all current Lewes priorities and projects to the new shared postholder.

The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

56.1 Accordingly.

The Chair of the Council moved, and Councillor Catlin seconded, the motion that, as the Council had concluded its consideration and voting on the motions, Report No 10/16 and its Appendix which, until now had been considered as exempt documents, together with the Minutes of this Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, be made available to the public.

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The motion was put to the meeting, Declared Carried, and it was

Resolved:

56.2 Accordingly.

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57 The Council's Chief Executive – Jenny Rowlands

The Council paid tribute to the work which had been undertaken by the Council's Chief Executive, Jenny Rowlands, since her appointment and noted significant successes that she had achieved for the Council during her time in post. The Council then extended its best wishes to Jenny for the future.

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The meeting ended at 10.13am.

R O'Keeffe MBE
Chair