

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 22 March 2022.

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PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Chris Collier, Rupert Simmons and David Tutt

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Kathryn Field, Wendy Maples, Christine Robinson, Georgina Taylor, John Ungar and Trevor Webb

### 44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2022

44.1 RESOLVED - that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 1 March 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 45. REPORTS

45.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

### 46. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - CABINET PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR

46.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding proposals to amend the Constitution in relation to the debate of the Cabinet priorities for the year ahead.

46.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to agree to the proposed amendments to the Constitution set out in paragraph 1.3 of the report

### 47. ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH FUNCTIONS

47.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Executive regarding the senior management structure within Adult Social Care and Health.

47.2 The Committee RESOLVED to approve the realignment of the senior management structure within the Adult Social Care and Health department to provide for the Director of Public Health and Public Health function to be managed by the Director of Adult Social Care post and re-title this post to Director of Adult Social Care and Health to reflect this.

### 48. ADOPTION AGENCY DELEGATION

48.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the delegation of powers and duties of the Adoption Agency and Agency Decision Maker.

48.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree to delegate authority to the Head of Children's Safeguards and Quality Assurance to exercise the powers, functions and duties of the County Council as an Adoption Agency, which includes acting as Agency Decision Maker.

### 49. SCRUTINY ACTIVITY UPDATE

49.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive that provided an overview of scrutiny activity being undertaken by the People, Place and Health Overview Scrutiny Committees and an update on the work of the Audit Committee.

49.1 The Committee RESOLVED to:

1) note the updates on recent scrutiny and Audit Committee activity and the current work programmes at appendices 1-4; and

2) agree to receive ongoing quarterly updates on scrutiny activity.

50. LMG PAY AWARD 2021/22

50.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding the LMG pay award for 2021/22.

50.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree the pay offer to LMG Managers for the financial year 2021/22 as being 1.75%, in line with the national (NJC) award.

51. ACCESS JOINT COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF A SUBSTITUTE

51.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the appointment of a substitute representative to the ACCESS Joint Governance Committee.

51.2 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Redstone as the East Sussex Pension Fund's substitute representative on the ACCESS Joint Governance Committee for the period until May 2025.