

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Committee Room - County Hall, Lewes on 28 January 2020.

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Godfrey Daniel, Kathryn Field and Bob Standley

26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

26.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

27.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simmons and Tutt. It was noted that Councillors Standley and Field were substituting for them.

28 REPORTS

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

29 UPDATE TO PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

29.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding proposed updates to thresholds in the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.

29.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council:

- 1) approve the proposed changes to thresholds in the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders as set out in the report and Annex 1; and
- 2) delegate authority to the Director of Procurement in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Chief Executive to make further changes to the thresholds in the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders to reflect any changes made by the Government

30 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ARISING FROM WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

30.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution, instruments and agreements following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

30.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to agree:

- 1) to amend the County Council's Constitution as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report;
- 2) to agree to the wording set out at paragraph 2.2 of the report being inserted in Part 1 of the Council's Constitution; and
- 3) to delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive to amend the Council's Constitution, policies, procedures and guidance or any other legal instrument or agreement to reflect any changes in legislation arising from the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

31 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE RULES

31.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer in relation to a proposed amendment to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules.

31.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree to recommend the County Council to agree to the Constitution being amended as set out in the report.

32 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY - ACCESS JOINT COMMITTEE

32.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding the appointment of a substitute member of the ACCESS Joint Committee.

32.2 The Committee RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Elford as a substitute Council representative on the ACCESS Joint Committee for the period to 11 May 2021.

33 PENSION BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER

33.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding the appointment of an employer representative to the Pension Board and a proposal to amend the quorum of the Pension Board.

33.2 The Committee RESOLVED to:

1) appoint Councillor Chris Collier to the Pension Board as an employer representative for a term ending on 4 June 2021; and

2) recommend the County Council to agree to amend the Constitution in relation to the quorum of the Pension Board as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report

34 LOCAL MANAGERS' PAY 2020/21

34.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding the LMG Managers pay award for 2020/21.

34.2 The Committee RESOLVED to defer consideration of the pay offer to be made to the LMG Managers until the outcome of the national pay negotiations is known for the reasons set out in the report

35 PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

35.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer regarding partnership working with West Sussex County Council.

35.2 The Committee RESOLVED (by 3 votes to 2) to agree an additional payment to the Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council of £31,603 gross in recognition of the significant additional responsibilities that will be entailed as a result of being appointed as shared Chief Executive across both East and West Sussex County Councils.

[Councillors Godfrey Daniel and Kathryn Field voted against this resolution]