

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at County Hall, Lewes on 10 November 2020.

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett, Godfrey Daniel, Rupert Simmons and David Tutt

++ The Committee took the decisions remotely ++

25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2020

25.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 28 October 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26 URGENT ITEMS

26.1 It was agreed that a report on proposed amendments to the scheme of delegations to officers in relation to adult social care to reflect the new structure would be considered as an urgent item. The reason for urgency was to allow for this matter to be reported to the County Council at its meeting in December 2020.

27 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - OFFICER DELEGATIONS - ADULT SOCIAL CARE

27.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive regarding proposals to amend the Constitution for officer delegations in relation to adult social care.

27.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree and to recommend the County Council to agree:

- 1) to amend the Officer Scheme of Delegations as set out in Appendix 1;
- 2) that the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Adult Social Care be considered Chief Officers and Directors for the purpose of delegations to officers and be delegated authority accordingly; and
- 3) to amend the Constitution in light of the above and to reflect the new structure

28 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2019/20

28.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the Independent Auditor's report to those charged with governance and Statement of Accounts for 2019/20.

28.2 The Committee RESOLVED to –

- 1) note the Independent Auditor's (GT) Report to those charged with governance on ESCC Accounts and the Value for Money conclusion report;
- 2) authorise the Chief Finance Officer to sign the formal Letter of Representation to GT UK LLP; and
- 3) approve the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts for publication.

29 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

29.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health regarding proposals to amend the Scheme of Delegation to Officers in relation to functions delegated to the Director of Public Health.

29.2 The Committee RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to delegate the functions set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report and to amend the Scheme of Delegation to Officers accordingly.

30 LOCAL MANAGERS' PAY 2020/21

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

30.2 The Committee RESOLVED to – agree to the pay award for LMG Managers for the financial year 2020/21 as being 2.75% (in line with the national NJC award).

31 CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHIEF OFFICERS' AND DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICERS' PAY 2020/21

[The Chief Executive, Chief Officers and Deputy Chief officers present at the meeting left the meeting prior to consideration of this item]

31.1 The Committee considered a report by the Head of Human Resources and Organisation Development regarding the pay award for the Chief Executive, Chief Officers and Deputies for 2020/21.

31.2 The Committee RESOLVED (by a majority of 3 to 2) - to determine the pay award for the Chief Executive, Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers for 2020/21 as being 2.75% (in line with the national NJC and JNC awards)

[Councillors Godfrey Daniel and David Tutt voted against the above resolution.]