

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 7 March 2023.

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

ALSO PRESENT Councillors Colin Belsey, Bob Bowdler, Penny di Cara, Ian Hollidge, Wendy Maples, Peter Pragnell, Paul Redstone,

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2023

42.1 RESOLVED - that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 24 January 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43. REPORTS

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

44. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

44.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer on the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24.

44.2 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to County Council the updated pay policy statement for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

45. REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

45.1 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on issues related to remote attendance and whether to grant a dispensation for members who attend meetings of the authority remotely.

45.2 The Assistant Chief Executive read out a revised recommendation (1).

45.3 The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to:

- 1) Agree the reason for absence of any member who does not attend a meeting of the authority in person over a period of six consecutive months, and to grant a dispensation for such non-attendance, provided the member has attended one or more meetings of the authority remotely during that period;
- 2) Agree that any member who does not attend a meeting of the authority in person over a period of six consecutive months shall be granted a dispensation such that the reason for non-attendance is approved if they have remotely attended at one or more meetings of the authority during that period;
- 3) Agree the arrangements set out in paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7 of the report with regard to remote attendance by members and the format of non-statutory meetings; and

4) The Constitution be amended to give effect to 1 and 2 above.

46. ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR FOSTER CARERS

46.1 The Committee considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer on additional leave for foster parents.

46.2 The Committee RESOLVED to agree that additional paid leave, as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report, is made available to employees who are foster parents.