

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY, 2018

Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs J A Bell (Presiding) and Councillors R Arthur, Mrs G Bleasdale, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, K Shaw, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs K Brace, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Pratt.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

2. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the following items which relate to staffing issues, Members agreed to pass the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act, 1961.

3. STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL STAFF ISSUES

Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale, S Cudlip, Mrs L Kennedy, and K Shaw declared an interest and all left the meeting.

Councillor Mrs J A Bell stated that she felt that she should not chair the meeting.

(Councillor Mrs J A Bell left the Chair).

(Councillor Miss L Willis in the Chair).

For the purpose of the minutes a Member stated that he had no objections to the Members who declared an interest to remain in the meeting, however the Members did leave the meeting. A brief discussion took place about current staff issues. The Council took into consideration the confidential report relating to the specific issue in connection with a named member of staff.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Council's Solicitor be instructed to complete the appropriate agreement based on the terms now outlined relating to the member of staff concerned.