

SWT Full Council - 16 November 2021

Present: Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey (Chair)

Councillors Richard Lees, Ian Aldridge, Lee Baker, Chris Booth, Simon Coles, Dixie Darch, Tom Deakin, Caroline Ellis, Habib Farbahi, Ed Firmin, Steve Griffiths, Barrie Hall, John Hassall, Marcia Hill, Dawn Johnson, Marcus Kravis, Mark Lithgow, Simon Nicholls, Derek Perry, Mike Rigby, Francesca Smith, Federica Smith-Roberts, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Ray Tully, Terry Venner, Sarah Wakefield, Danny Wedderkopp and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Lesley Dolan, Paul Fitzgerald, Andrew Pritchard, Jo Comer, Marcus Prouse, Clare Rendell and Nicky Rendell

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm)

54. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors B Allen, M Blaker, S Buller, N Cavill, H Davies, A Govier, R Habgood, A Hadley, R Henley, J Hunt, S Lees, L Lisgo, J Lloyd, D Mansell, A Milne, C Palmer, M Peters, S Pugsley, A Pritchard, A Sully, N Thwaites, A Trollope-Bellew, B Weston, K Wheatley and G Wren.

55. Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr L Baker	All Items	Cheddon Fitzpaine & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Booth	All Items	Wellington and Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Coles	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr T Deakin	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Ellis	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr Mrs Hill	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Johnson	All Items	SCC	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter	Personal	Spoke and Voted

		Trustee		
Cllr M Lithgow	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Nicholls	All Items	Comeytrove	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Perry	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr H Prior-Sankey	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Rigby	All Items	SCC & Bishops Lydeard	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr F Smith-Roberts	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr V Stock-Williams	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke
Cllr R Tully	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr T Venner	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr D Wedderkopp	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Whetlor	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke

56. **Public Participation - To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions, statements or petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 14,15 and 16**

No members of the public had requested to speak on any item on the agenda.

57. **To receive any communications or announcements from the Chair of the Council**

The Chair of the Council made the following announcements:-

- She advised councillors that item 8 on the agenda had been withdrawn.
- Councillors were reminded that there was a member briefing starting straight after the meeting.
- She thanked everyone for their participation in all the Remembrance Day events that took place across the District.
- Councillors were advised of a couple of events taking place over the next couple of weeks, which included Winterfest on Sunday 21 November 2021 and Carols in Vivary Park on Monday 13 December 2021.

58. **To receive any communications or announcements from the Leader of the Council**

The Leader of the Council had no announcements to give.

59. **To receive only in relation to the business for which the Extraordinary Meeting has been called any questions from Councillors in accordance**

with Council Procedure Rule 13

No questions were received in regard to Procedure Rule 13.

60. Appointment of the Head of Paid Service and Chief Executive

Resolved that Full Council:-

- 2.1 Confirmed the appointment of Andrew Pritchard as, Chief Executive (including Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer) and Head of Paid Service for Somerset West and Taunton Council with effect from 17th November 2021
- 2.2 Recommended a spot salary for the post of £118,000 and Returning Officer Fees to be effective from 17th November 2021.

(The Meeting ended at 6.25 pm)