

Minutes of a Meeting of the Special Members Panel held in the Coleridge Room, Bridgwater House, TA6 3ER, on Monday, 29 April 2024 at 2.00 pm

Present:

Cllr Theo Butt Philip
Cllr David Fothergill
Cllr Leigh Redman

Cllr Mandy Chilcott
Cllr Liz Leyshon
Cllr Ros Wyke (as substitute)

In attendance:

Duncan Sharkey (Chief Executive)
Dawn Bettridge (Service Director-
Workforce)

Sari Brice (Strategic Manager-HR)
Scott Wooldridge (Head of Governance
& Democratic Services)

Other Members present remotely:

None

1 Appointment of a Chair for the meeting - Agenda Item 1

Cllr T Butt Philip having been proposed (Cllr R Wyke) and seconded (Cllr L Leyshon) was elected as the Chair for the meeting.

2 Apologies - Agenda Item 2

Cllr B Revans (Cllr R Wyke substituting).

3 Declaration of interests - Agenda Item 3

The Members present confirmed that although they all knew the persons that had made the voluntary redundancy applications, they had no declarations to make having read the guidance notes regarding conflicts of interests provided by the Monitoring Officer. The Officers present also declared that although some of them knew the person that had made the application, there were no conflicts of interest.

4 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 4

There were no public questions.

5 Exclusion of the press and public - Agenda Item 5

The Committee unanimously agreed, having been proposed (Cllr Leyshon) and seconded (Cllr Wyke), that under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded during the remainder of the meeting on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information of the following description:

- Information relating to any individual
- Information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual.
- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

6 Voluntary Redundancy Applications from Senior Leadership Team Officers made under the Council's Voluntary Redundancy Scheme - Agenda Item 6

The Special Members Panel agreed:

- i) The case for applying exemption information provisions as set out in the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and therefore treat the attached confidential Appendix A and supporting appendices (the main report) in confidence, as they contain information relating to any individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual and commercially sensitive information, and as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.
- ii) To pass a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting where there is any debate or discussion regarding exempt information in Appendix A or its supporting appendices.
- iii) The recommendations as set out in the main report in Appendix A and its supporting appendices.

7 Minutes of the meeting - Agenda Item 7

The Committee agreed, having been proposed (Cllr L Leyshon) and seconded (Cllr R Wyke), to authorise the Chair of the meeting to sign and authorise the minutes as

being a true record of the meeting.

(The meeting ended at 3.15pm)

**Cllr Theo Butt Philip
CHAIR**