

MINUTES of the meeting of General Services Committee held on 3 February 2012 at 9.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Kent (Chair), Phil Anderson (Vice-Chair), Diana Hale (substitute for Councillor Morris-Cook), Barry Palmer, Mike Revell (from 9.37 a.m.), Andy Smith and Simon Wootton

Apologies: Councillor Val Morris-Cook

In attendance: Graham Farrant – Chief Executive
Jackie Hinchliffe - Head of HR, OD & Customer Strategy
Jonathan Swain - Penna
Steve Jones – Democratic Services Manager (part)

13. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised that he had not agreed to the consideration of any items of urgent business.

14. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item, in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that it might disclose exempt information of the following category:

Category 1 - Information relating to any individual.

(At 9.25 a.m., the Democratic Services Manager left the meeting.)

16. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

The Committee interviewed the four candidates that had been short listed for the post.

(The Democratic Services Manager returned to the meeting at 2.50 p.m. to record the decision of the Committee.)

It was proposed by the Councillor Kent:

“That Barbara Brownlee be offered the post of Director of Housing, subject to agreement on salary, start date, appropriate references and the formal ratification of Cabinet.”

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Anderson.

All Members indicated their agreement to the proposal.

RESOLVED:

That Barbara Brownlee be offered the post of Director of Housing, subject to agreement on salary, start date, appropriate references and the formal ratification of Cabinet.

The meeting finished at 2.55 p.m.

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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