

## Minutes of the Meeting of the General Services Committee held on 24 September 2020 at 6.00 pm

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**Present:** Councillors John Kent (Vice-Chair), Gary Byrne, Mark Coxshall, Fraser Massey, Bukky Okunade, Andrew Jefferies (substitute for Robert Gledhill) and Barry Johnson (substitute for Shane Hebb)

**Apologies:** Councillors Robert Gledhill and Shane Hebb.

**In attendance:** Mr Ben Cox, Recruitment Consultant (Penna)  
Mr Chris Barrow, Recruitment Consultant (Penna)  
Jackie Hinchliffe, Director of HR, OD & Transformation  
Andrew Millard, Director of Place  
Sheila Murphy, Corporate Director of Children's Services  
Mykela Pratt, Strategic Lead HR, Resourcing and Improvement  
Matthew Boulter, Democratic Services Manager

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Before the start of the meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being live streamed and recorded, with the video recording to be made available on the Council's Youtube channel.

### **45. Minutes**

The minutes of the General Services Committee meeting held on 3 August 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### **46. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **47. Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

*At 6.03pm the Committee agreed to enter exempt session due to the committee discussing individual applications for the roles.*

### **48. Long-list for Appointment of Assistant Directors for Planning, Transport and Public Protection, Economic Development and High House Production Park & Children's Social Care and Early Help**

The committee discussed the longlist of candidates for two positions (Assistant Director for Children's Social Care & Early Help and Assistant Director for Planning, Transport and Public Protection), agreeing a shortlist to be progressed for future deliberation and assessment.

The Committee felt that the Assistant Director of Economic Development and High House Production Park role required further discussion before deliberations could be taken on the longlist of candidates.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The shortlists for the roles of Assistant Director of Children's Social Care & Early Help and Assistant Director of Planning, Transport and Public Protection be progressed for further assessment.**
- 2. The Role of Assistant Director of Economic Development and High House Production Park be held for further discussion.**

**The meeting finished at 6.31 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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