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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

19 JULY 2012

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held at **7.00 pm on Thursday, 19 July 2012** in the Austen Room, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Membership:

Councillor Fenner (Chairman); Councillors: S Tomlinson, Everitt, C Hart, I Gregory, Kirby, Marson and Poole

A G E N D A

Item   Subject
No

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 1 - 2)

    To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 July copy attached.

4. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Pages 3 - 4)

5. **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION** (Pages 5 - 12)

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2012 at 4.30 pm in Rossetti Room, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillors Fenner, I Gregory, C Hart, Kirby, Poole, W Scobie and M Tomlinson

18.   ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by the Leader, that Councillor Fenner be appointed Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor M Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor Kirby, that Councillor S Tomlinson be appointed Chairman.

Upon the two motions being put to the vote, Councillor Fenner was declared Chairman.

COUNCILLOR FENNER IN THE CHAIR

19.   APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Everitt, Marson & S Tomlinson. Councillor W Scobie was present as substitute for Councillor Everitt, and Councillor M Tomlinson, as substitute for Councillor S Tomlinson.

20.   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21.   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 22 December 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(a)   Matter arising from previous minutes - Timing of meetings

It was noted that 7.00 pm was the preferred time for meetings of the Committee. (Minute No. 13 of previous minutes refers).

22.   ESTABLISHMENT OF SENIOR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL

The Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager explained the appointments process to the Committee.   Members discussed the report and, on the proposal of Councillor Kirby, seconded by Councillor W Scobie, it was RESOLVED that the recommendations as set out at Recommendations numbered 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3 be adopted, namely:

1. That a Senior Officer Appointment Panel be established to interview candidates for the post of Director of Corporate Services and Transformation;

2. That the Leader, Deputy Leader, Opposition Group Leader and Opposition Deputy Group Leader be appointed to the Panel; and

3. That the Panel makes a recommendation to the General Purposes Committee on which applicant to appoint (if any).

23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee takes place at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 19 July 2012.

Meeting concluded : 4.50 pm

Exclusion of Public and Press

To: **Cabinet – 26 July 2012**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **N/A**

Summary: This report seeks the Committee's approval to exclude the public and press from the meeting on agenda item 5 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

<u>**For Decision**</u>

1.0   Introduction

The public must be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential or exempt information would be disclosed.

Exempt information – discretion to exclude public

Subject to Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (right to a fair trial) the public may be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that exempt information would be disclosed.

Meaning of confidential information

Confidential information means information given to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or information which cannot be publicly disclosed by Court Order.

2.0   Exempt information

2.1   The full rules are set out in Part V and Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as Amended) and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committees) Regulations 2001.

3.0   Reason for Exempt Item

3.1   The report author has classified Agenda Item 5 as disclosing exempt information under Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) thereby excluding the press and public from the meeting whilst this item is debated.

4.0   Corporate Implications

4.1   **Financial**

4.1.1   There are no direct financial implications.

4.2   **Legal**

4.2.1   As per Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

4.3   **Corporate**

4.3.1   None.

4.4   **Equity and Equalities**

4.4.1   There are no specific equity and equality considerations that need to be addressed in this report.

5.0   Recommendation

5.1   That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 5 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

6.0   Decision Making Process

6.1   This Committee must agree the recommendation if the press and public are to be excluded.

| Contact Officer: | Glenn Back, Democratic and Scrutiny Manager |
| Reporting to: | Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager and Monitoring Officer |

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

| Finance | Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager |
| Legal | Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager and Monitoring Officer |

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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