

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2017 at 3.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillors Bayford, Crow-Brown, Dellar, I Gregory, Johnston, L Piper, Stummer-Schmertzling, Taylor-Smith and Wells

87. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Johnston and seconded by Cllr Crow-Brown that Cllr Wells be elected as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bambridge, J Fairbrass and L Fairbrass. Cllr Crow-Brown was present as a substitute for Cllr L Fairbrass and Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling was present as a substitute for Cllr J Fairbrass.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

90. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by the Cllr Bayford, seconded by Cllr Taylor-Smith and agreed, that the minutes of the meeting of General Purposes Committee held on 28 May 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

91. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 6 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

92. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THANET COUNCIL'S CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The Chief Executive outlined her report regarding proposals for changes to Thanet District Council's Corporate Structure.

The Chief Executive clarified a number of matters in response to questions from Members of the Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Johnston and Members AGREED that:

"That the General Purposes Committee approve the consultation on the proposed structure in relation to the one Chief Officer and two deputy Chief Officer posts as set out in the report and that the budget strategy and draft budget will be drafted to reflect the removal of £814k base budget savings from the council's residual staffing structure."

Meeting concluded : 3.23 pm