

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2017 at 11.00 am in Pugin & Rossetti Rooms,
First Floor, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate.

Present: Councillor Wells (Chairman); Councillors Bayford, Crow-Brown,
Dellar, L Fairbrass, I Gregory, Johnston, L Piper and Taylor-Smith

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Councillor Bambridge;
Councillor J. Fairbrass, substituted by Councillor Crow-Brown.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

95. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Johnston proposed, Councillor Taylor-Smith seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 20 October 2017.

96. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor L. Fairbrass proposed, Councillor Dellar seconded and Members agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 5 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).

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

The Chairman called upon Helen Havercroft, Head of Growth and Development to make representation before the committee. Thereafter Bob Porter, Head of Housing was also called in to make his representation before Members.

Madeline Homer, Chief Executive gave her responses to issues raised by the two deputy chief officers.

Members made observations regarding the representations made by the two deputy chief officers and the Chief Executive. They also made observations on the proposals in the report and were in agreement to the need for Council to come up with measures to reduce the budget gap ahead of the next year's budget.

Councillor Johnston proposed, Councillor Bayford seconded and Members agreed the following:

That the General Purposes Committee approve the proposed Senior Management structure and the changes to the two Chief Officer and two deputy Chief Officer posts as set out in the report and delegates to the Chief Executive, following all necessary legal processes including consulting the Executive, the process for recruitment and appointment to vacancies 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: 11.50 am