

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018 at 1.00 pm in Council Chamber - Council Offices.

Present: Councillor Wells (Chairman); Councillors Bambridge, Bayford, Edwards, L Fairbrass, I Gregory, Taylor-Smith and Stummer-Schmertzing

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Councillor Taylor;
Councillor Crow-Brown, substituted by Councillor Stummer-Schmertzing.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

110. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Taylor-Smith proposed, Councillor Gregory seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting that was held on 16 March 2018.

111. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Bayford proposed, Councillor Lin Fairbrass 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).

112. CHANGES TO STRUCTURE OF EAST KENT SERVICES

Members considered the recommendations relating to Chief Officer position that was agreed at the meeting of the East Kent Services (EKS) Committee held on 11 April 2018.

Madeline Homer, CEx advised Members about the outcome of the EKS Committee meeting and said that the specific recommendation agreed at the EKS meeting that was of relevance to the General Purposes Committee meeting was as detailed below:

“Changes outlined in the proposed restructure to include the removal of the existing Director of Shared Services position in favour of a lower graded role of Head of Shared Services.”

Ms Homer also advised the meeting that the staff consultation regarding the East Kent Services restructure had been completed. One comment was received and it related to a minor change to a job description.

Taking into consideration the decision made by the East Kent Services Committee above, Councillor Wells proposed and Councillor Bayford seconded that the Committee considered the recommendations relating to the Chief Officer post from the meeting of the East Kent Services Committee held on 11 April 2018 and agreed the following:

1. To approve recommendation 2 in the EKS report in Annex 1 to the Committee report; which is “to remove the existing Director of Shared Services position in favour of a lower graded role of Head of Shared Services” and the changes to existing delegations that currently flow from those recommendations.

Meeting concluded: 1.10 pm