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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2022 at 3.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

**Present:** Councillor Ash Ashbee (Chair); Councillors Albon, Austin, R Bayford, Dexter, Everitt, Ovenden, Rev. S Piper, Rawf, D Saunders, M Saunders and Wright

### 161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies made at the meeting.

### 162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 163. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Bob Bayford proposed, Councillor Mave Saunders seconded and the committee agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### 164. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Amendment to the Minute Item 160, (Update on GPC Matters), page 10 in the agenda pack, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point should read that Chris Blundell and the GPC Chair worked together to come up with the financial figures for the settlement.

Subject to the above amendments, Councillor Bob Bayford proposed, Councillor David Saunders seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the General Purposes Committee meeting that was held on 5 October 2021.

### 165. REPORT TO GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

### 166. APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

Councillor Bob Bayford proposed, Councillor Everitt seconded and the Committee unanimously recommended to Full Council that Chris Blundell, Director of Finance, be appointed as Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) for the Council.

### 167. INDEPENDENT MONITORING OFFICER 'S REPORT

The Chair reminded committee members that they should inform their respective group members about the general discussion that had taken place on this agenda item. An executive summary of this presentation will be published after sign off by Quentin Baker.

Thereafter, Members received and noted the update report presented by the Independent Monitoring Officer.

Meeting concluded: 4.36 pm

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