

**CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL**  
**EAST KENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 7th November, 2022  
at 2.00 pm in The Guildhall, St Peter's Place, Westgate, Canterbury**

**Present:** Councillor Fitter-Harding (Chair)  
Councillor Bartlett  
Councillor Ashbee

**Officers:** Dan Evans - Head of ICT  
Colin Carmichael - Chief Executive (Thanet District Council)  
Tricia Marshall - Director of Corporate Services  
Vanessa (Canterbury City Council)  
Montgomery - Interim Democratic Services Manager

**342 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Richardson, Pugh and Carnac.

**343 Substitute Members**

There were no substitutes for the meeting.

**344 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and when put to vote by show of hands unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Fitter-Harding be elected Chair for the municipal year 2022/23.

(Councillor Fitter Harding then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting)

It was proposed, seconded and when put to vote by show of hands unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ashbee be elected Vice Chair for the municipal year 2022/23.

**345 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September, 2021 were agreed as a true record by general assent.

**346 Declaration of any interests**

There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

**347 Any other urgent business to be dealt with in public**

There was no urgent business.

348 **Exclusion of the press and public**

It was proposed, seconded and when put to vote by show of hands unanimously

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act or the Freedom of Information Act or both.

349 **The future of East Kent ICT**

The Head of ICT, EKS introduced the report that sought authority from the committee to partially disband EK Services by bringing in-house part of ICT, Contract and Procurement Service.

It was proposed, seconded and when put to vote by show of hands unanimously

RESOLVED:

1. That part of the ICT, Contract and Procurement Service is taken in-house by each partner Authority.
2. That a residual EK Services team remains in place to support the partner Authorities with Security, Software and Database Administration until the end of March 2024 and to provide ICT, Contract and Procurement and Quality Assurance support to the Civica contract on an on-going basis.

Reason for the decision: Taking the service back in-house would enable each Council to design the service to meet their specific needs, and would give each Council direct control over an essential service area and avoided unwieldy service management and recharging arrangements. All three councils have already individually agreed to these arrangements.

350 **Any other business which falls under the exempt provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 or the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or both**

There was no other business.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.07 pm