

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2018 at 11.00 am in Business Suite - Council Offices.

Present: Councillor Wells (Chairman); Councillors Bambridge, Crow-Brown, Edwards, I Gregory, Johnston, Taylor-Smith and Stummer-Schmertzing

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Councillor Taylor;
Councillor Bayford;
Councillor Lin Fairbrass, substituted by Councillor Stummer-Schmertzing.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Crow-Brown proposed, Councillor Wells seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting that was held on 17 January 2018.

106. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Taylor-Smith proposed, Councillor Crow-Brown 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).

107. PROPOSED DELETION OF A CHIEF OFFICER POST

Madeline Homer, CEx introduced the item for discussion and said that the purpose of the meeting was for the committee to consider the proposals for a staff consultation on changes to the staff structure in view of the contract that was signed with CIVICA to take over a significant part of the work that used to be done by East Kent Services. Thanet District Council being the host for the employment function for East Kent Services staff would need to consider and acknowledge the process for any proposed changes to the staff structure.

Members queried the wording of the recommendation in the report and suggested that it be changed to reflect that the decision from the meeting would be to agree proposals for a consultation on the restructure which would include deleting the Chief Officer post.

Cllr Gregory proposed, Councillor Edwards seconded and Members agreed consultation on the proposal to delete a Chief Officer post from the East Kent Services staff structure.

Meeting concluded: 11.10 am