

MINUTES of the meeting of General Services Committee held on 24 May 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors John Kent (Chair), Val Morris-Cook (Vice-Chair), Phil Anderson, Mark Coxshall, Diana Hale, Barry Palmer and Andy Smith.

In attendance: Richard Waterhouse – Director of transformation
Carmel Littleton – Head of Learning & Universal Outcomes (to 7.24 p.m.)
Steve Jones – Democratic Services Manager

1. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair informed the Committee that he had not agreed to the consideration of any items of urgent business.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kent declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 5.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business, in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that they might disclose exempt information of the following categories:

Category 1 - Information relating to any individual.

Category 3 – Information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

4. COMPROMISE AGREEMENTS

The Head of Learning & Universal Outcomes introduced the item, which requested the Committee to agree to two compromise agreements, the details of which were set out in the report.

A number of Members spoke and asked questions of Head of Learning & Universal Outcomes.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the compromise agreements detailed in the report be agreed.

5. NOVATION OF A THIRD PARTY ADMISSION AGREEMENT

The Director of Transformation introduced the report.

A number of Members spoke and asked questions. After some discussion, assurances were sought that confirmation of the appropriate legal protection was in place.

It was proposed by the Chair, with the agreement of all Members:

“That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the General Services Committee, together with the Leader of the Opposition confirms that the appropriate legal protection is in place.”

The recommendation contained in the report, together with the additional recommendation proposed at the meeting, was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That General Services Committee approve the transfer of the pension arrangements from Vertex Data Sciences Ltd to Vertex Public Services Ltd and subsequently to a new purchaser, subject to the necessary and appropriate legal protection being in place.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the General Services Committee, together with the Leader of the Opposition confirms that the appropriate legal protection is in place.**

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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