

## Minutes of the Meeting of the General Services Committee held on 6 January 2016 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Councillors John Kent (Chair), Mark Coxshall, Roy Jones, Barbara Rice, Graham Snell, James Halden (Substitute) (substitute for Robert Gledhill) and Gerard Rice (Substitute) (substitute for Lynn Worrall)

**Apologies:** Councillors Robert Gledhill (Vice-Chair) and Lynn Worrall

**In attendance:**  
Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive  
Jackie Hinchliffe, Head of HR, OD & Transformation

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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

### **19. Minutes**

The minutes of the General Services Committee held on 4 November were approved as a correct record.

### **20. Items of Urgent Business**

The Committee briefly discussed the schedule for the recruitment of three new director posts.

### **21. Declarations of Interests**

No interests were declared.

*The Committee agreed to exclude press and public at this juncture in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*

### **22. Appointment of Interim Director of Children's Services**

The Committee briefly discussed the statutory need to have a Director of Children's Services, especially when there was potential for an OFSTED inspection. The timeframe for recruiting to the position full time was also discussed and Members generally agreed that an interim was required to bridge the gap while a full time replacement was serving their notice period.

The Committee interviewed one candidate for the position of Interim Director of Children's Services.

**RESOLVED That Mr David Archibald is appointed as Interim Director of Children's Services**

*The Committee returned into public session.*

**23. Chief Executive Performance Objectives**

The Committee accepted the recommendations without further comment.

**RESOLVED That the objectives for the Chief Executive for the Period September 2015 to March 2016 be approved.**

**The meeting finished at 8.09 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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