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General Services Committee

The meeting will be held at **5.30 pm** on **4 February 2016**

Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL

Membership:

Councillors John Kent (Chair), Robert Gledhill (Vice-Chair), Mark Coxshall, Roy Jones, Barbara Rice, Graham Snell and Lynn Worrall

Substitutes:

Councillors James Halden, Barry Johnson, Jane Potheary and Gerard Rice

Agenda

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1. Apologies for Absence	
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To approve as a correct record the minutes of General Services Committee meeting held on 6 January 2016.	
3. Items of Urgent Business	
To receive additional items that the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.	
4. Declarations of Interests	

Exclusion of the Public and Press

Members are asked to consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt

information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, Members are asked to decide whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. New Director Posts Recruitment - Long Listing

The long listing pack will be provided to Members under separate cover.

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

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

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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