

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Services Committee held on 9 February 2021 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillors Robert Gledhill (Chair), John Kent (Vice-Chair), Fraser Massey, Bukky Okunade, Andrew Jefferies (Substitute) (substitute for Mark Coxshall) and Barry Johnson (Substitute) (substitute for Shane Hebb)

Apologies: Councillors Mark Coxshall and Shane Hebb

In attendance: Mr Ben Cox – Penna, Recruitment Consultant
Jackie Hinchliffe – Director HR, OD and Transformation
Mykela Pratt – Strategic Lead – HR, Resourcing and Improvement
Roger Harris – Corporate Director Adults, Housing and Health
Ian Wake – Director of Public Health
Matthew Boulter – Democratic Services Manager

Before the start of the meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being live streamed and recorded, with the video recording to be made available on the Council's website.

76. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

77. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

78. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

79. Interview for Interim Assistant Director of Housing

Councillor Kent commented that the paperwork had been delivered late the previous day and wondered why this was the case. Officers explained that the timetable had been challenging in order to get the posts recruited to in time.

The Committee agreed to enter exempt session at 5.07pm.

The Committee undertook the relevant interviews for candidates.

RESOLVED That Tracy John be appointed as Interim Assistant Director of Housing.

80. Long-list Recruitment for Assistant Director of Housing

Councillor Jefferies joined the meeting at 5.54pm.

The Committee discussed the candidates listed in the longlist report.

RESOLVED That the longlist for the Assistant Director of Housing be progressed for further assessment.

The meeting finished at 6.12 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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