

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the General Services Committee held on 21 May 2015 at 6.00 pm**

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**Present:** Councillors John Kent (Chair), Chris Baker, Barbara Rice, James Halden, Mark Coxshall and Robert Gledhill

**Apologies:** Councillor Lynn Worrall

**In attendance:** Councillor Graham Snell, Leader of the UKIP Group  
Graham Farrant, Chief Executive  
Jackie Hinchliffe, Head of HR, OD and Customer Strategy  
Matthew Boulter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

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### **18. Declarations of Interests**

No interests were declared.

### **19. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

The Committee agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 5 'Interviews for position of interim Chief Executive' by reference to the descriptions in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, due to information relating to an individual.

### **20. Minutes**

The exempt minutes of the General Services Committee held on 9 March 2015 were approved as a correct record.

### **21. Interviews for Position of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service**

The Committee interviewed two internal candidates for the position of Interim Chief Executive.

The Committee discussed the questions to ask each candidate and noted that the interim appointment was only open to internal candidates who would not be seeking the permanent position of Chief Executive. This prevented any unfair advantage of a candidate gaining experience over and above other potential candidates who applied for the permanent position at a future date.

The Committee also noted that the interim appointment had no maximum tenure and could possibly be in position for a number of months depending on the outcome of the permanent chief executive interviews.

*Graham Farrant and Matthew Boulter left the meeting at this juncture.*

**RESOLVED:**

**That Mr David Bull is appointed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.**

**The meeting finished at 7.50 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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