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Name of meeting APPOINTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

> Date **TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023**

Time 10.00 AM

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT,

**ISLE OF WIGHT** 

Members of the Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), J Robertson (Vicecommittee

Chairman), P Brading, G Brodie, J Medland

I Stephens

Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett

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#### 1. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)**

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

#### 2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 6)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2022.

#### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.





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#### 4. Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

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# 5. Urgent Business

To consider any matters which, in the Chairman's opinion, are urgent.

# 6. **Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 7 - 10)

The Establishment of a Sub Committee.

#### 7. Members' Question Time

A question must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 10am on Friday, 23 June 2023.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Monday, 19 June 2023

#### Interests

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A question may be asked at the meeting without prior notice but in these circumstances, there is no guarantee that a full reply will be given.



# Minutes

Name of meeting APPOINTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Date and Time THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

**WIGHT** 

Present Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), J Robertson (Vice-Chairman),

J Bacon, P Brading, C Quirk and I Stephens

Also Present Sharon Betts and Judy Mason

Apologies Cllr S Ellis

# 27. Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)

It had been agreed that Cllr C Quirk would be the substitute member for Cllr S Ellis.

#### 28. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** 

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022 be approved.

#### 29. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 30. Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

There were no Public Questions

# 31. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business

#### 32. Members' Question Time

There were no Members' Questions.

#### 33. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Committee resolved to adjourn to private session for the next item of business.

# 34. Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

The Committee adjourned to private session. Upon reconvening, the Chairman announced that there had been an outstanding number of candidates with very good applications for the position. A preferred candidate had been chosen and it was;

#### RESOLVED:

That Full Council be recommended to approve the appointment of candidate X to the position of Chief Executive which is designated as the Head of Paid Service and that, should such approval be granted, that an offer of appointment (with a start date to be agreed by the Director of Corporate Services) be duly made by the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the Committee to that person (subject to prior compliance with the statutory notification requirements and there being no objections from any member of the Cabinet, or any such objection if made, not being material or not being well-founded under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as amended).

**CHAIRMAN** 

Purpose: For Decision



# Committee report

Committee APPOINTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Date **27 JUNE 2023** 

Title ESTABILSHMENT OF, AND APPOINTMENTS TO, THE

APPOINTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Report of MONITORING OFFICER

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to appoint an appointments and employment subcommittee (which meets as and when necessary or needed) from the membership of the Appointments and Employment Committee, with its terms of reference being as set out in the Constitution.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. That an appointments and employment sub-committee be appointed of any three members drawn from the Appointments and Employment Committee on an ad hoc basis, with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution, and that it be politically proportionate as far as practicable, with a quorum of three such members (except that, when dealing with action in respect of a Governance Statutory Chief Officer, the membership will also include two independent persons as appointed under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011).

## **BACKGROUND**

- 3. The Full Council appoints its Appointments and Employment Committee annually and its Appointments and Employment Committee has power to establish a subcommittee.
- 4. The Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the proposed appointments and employment sub-committee in Part 3 Section 6 (currently on page 36/37).
- 5. It is proposed that (as presently detailed in the Constitution) the appointments and employment sub-committee comprises three members drawn from this committee, that it be politically balanced as far as practicable, and that the quorum of the appointments and employment sub-committee should be three councillors (When

- dealing with action in respect of a Governance Statutory Chief Officer, the membership will also include two independent persons as appointed under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011).
- 6. The appointment of such a sub-committee facilitates effective and efficient decision-making and has proved to be very useful to conduct the business of the local authority.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 7. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that support this.
  - Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere
- 8. This would reduce the emissions created from requiring all members of the Appointments and Employment Committee to be in attendance to only three members therefore reducing the level of emissions from transport used, it would also reduce the amount of printing undertaken.

# CONSULTATION

9. None

### FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained in this report. The recommendations accord with the resources available within the overall budget agreed by Full Council in February 2023.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11. An 'ordinary committee' may appoint one or more sub-committees under section 102 (1) (c) of the Local Government Act 1972. Membership of such a committee is subject to section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ('duty to allocate seats to political groups') i.e. it is required to be politically proportionate (unless alternative arrangements have been agreed under section 17 of that Act).
- 12. The Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Appointments and Employment Committee on page 36, and of the sub-committee on page 36-37.

#### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

13. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

#### OPTIONS

- 14. **Option 1:** To agree the appointment of a sub-committee of any three members drawn from the Appointments and Employment Committee on an ad hoc basis, with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution and that it be politically proportionate as far as is practicable, with a quorum of three such members (except that, when dealing with action in respect of a Governance Statutory Chief Officer, the membership will also include two independent persons as appointed under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011).
- 15. **Option 2:** To not allow the establishment such a sub-committee.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

16. The recommendations are to ensure that the council meets its corporate governance requirements and responds to changing requirements and demands. These should lessen the risks arising from any challenge to the decision-making process by way of judicial review or other such legal action.

#### **EVALUATION**

17. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted efficiently, and in a timely manner. The appointment of a sub-committee supports this.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

18. None.

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