

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.00pm 22 JANUARY 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Mrs Norman (Chairman), Simpson (Deputy Chairman), Mrs Brown, Mrs Cobb, Elgood, Kennedy, Mears, Mitchell, Oxley and Taylor

Also in attendance: Councillors Fallon-Khan, Kemble and K. Norman.

PART ONE

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

Declarations of Substitutes

- 1.1 Councillor Kennedy declared that she was attending the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Duncan.

Declarations of Interest

- 1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

- 1.3 The Chairman noted that she had agreed to requests from Councillors Fallon-Khan, Kemble and Ken Norman to be present during the consideration of the items listed in Part 2 of the agenda.
- 1.4 That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items contained in Part 2 of the agenda.

2. EARLY RETIREMENT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE - EXEMPT CATEGORIES 1, 3, 4 AND 5.

- 2.1 By reason of the special circumstances, and in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the 1972 Act, the Chairman of the meeting was consulted and was of the opinion that this item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

2.2 The Committee noted that the special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 19, Access to Information Rule 5 and Section 100B, Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act as amended (items not to be considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that a special meeting had been called in order to ensure certainty in the position of the Chief Executive was achieved as soon as possible in light of media and public attention and speculation and that any necessary actions could be planned towards appointing a replacement.

2.3 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance, concerning the proposed early retirement of the Chief Executive on the grounds of the efficiency of the service.

2.4 **RESOLVED** – That the recommendations detailed in the report be agreed.

Note: Councillors Kennedy and Elgood wished their names recorded as having voted against the recommendations;

Councillor Taylor wished his name recorded as having voted against recommendation 2 in the report;

Councillors Mitchell and Simpson wished their names recorded as having abstained from voting on the recommendations.

3. **TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THE ABOVE ITEM AND THE DECISIONS THEREON SHOULD REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

3.1 **RESOLVED** – That Item No.2 and decisions thereon remain exempt from disclosure to the press public.

Note: Prior to closing the meeting, the Chairman wished to pay tribute to the Chief Executive, and stated that she felt he had taken the Authority forward during his term of office and proved to be an excellent Chief Executive and wished him well for the future.

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

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