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OF A MEETING OF THE

Joint Staff Committee

HELD AT 11.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017

MEETING ROOM 2, 135 EASTERN AVENUE, MILTON PARK,
MILTON,
OX14 4SB

Present

Matthew Barber, John Cotton, Roger Cox, Debby Hallett, Anthony Nash and David Nimmo-Smith

Also present: David Turner

Officers: Steven Corrigan, Adrianna Partridge and Margaret Reed

12 Apologies and notification of substitutes

None.

13 Declarations of interest

None.

14 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 28 June and 22 November 2017.

15 Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED: to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

- i. they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
- ii. the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

16 Staffing matters (appointment of permanent chief executive)

The committee conducted the formal interview with the candidate for the position of chief executive.

Members were unanimous that Mark Stone be appointed chief executive and head of paid service.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

To South Oxfordshire District Council to:

1. appoint Mark Stone as permanent chief executive and head of paid service of South Oxfordshire District Council with effect from 1 January 2018, on the terms and conditions set out in the report of the interim head of corporate services to the Joint Staff Committee on 6 December 2017;
2. authorise the interim head of corporate services to finalise the terms and conditions and the contract of employment of the chief executive in accordance with the terms agreed by the Joint Staff Committee;
3. agree to place the chief executive at the disposal of Vale of White Horse District Council and to share the employee costs in accordance with the existing agreement between the two councils under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972;
4. authorise the chief executive and head of paid service to nominate appropriate officers to deputise in his absence;
5. authorise the interim head of corporate services to make any necessary amendments to the council's published pay policy statement arising from the agreed terms and conditions of appointment of the chief executive.

To Vale of White Horse District Council:

1. to note that at its meeting on 23 November 2017, South Oxfordshire District Council resolved, pending a decision on permanent changes to the officer employment procedure rules, to waive the advertisement requirements of the current officer employment procedure rules to allow the permanent chief executive post to be advertised exclusively to the acting chief executive and current permanent heads of service;
2. that pending permanent changes to the officer employment procedure rules coming into effect, to waive the advertisement requirements of the current officer employment procedure rules in relation to the appointment of a permanent chief executive and head of paid service for Vale of White Horse District Council and endorse the process followed by South Oxfordshire District Council to advertise the post exclusively to the acting chief executive and current permanent heads of service;
3. to note that the Joint Staff Committee is recommending South Oxfordshire District Council at its meeting on 14 December 2017 to appoint Mark Stone as permanent

chief executive and head of paid service of South Oxfordshire District Council with effect from 1 January 2018, on the terms and conditions set out in the report of the interim head of corporate services to the Joint Staff Committee on 6 December 2017;

4. to note that the Joint Staff Committee is recommending South Oxfordshire District Council at its meeting on 14 December 2017 to authorise the interim head of corporate services to finalise the terms and conditions and the contract of employment of the chief executive in accordance with the terms agreed by the Joint Staff Committee;
5. to note that the Joint Staff Committee is recommending South Oxfordshire District Council at its meeting on 14 December 2017 to agree to place the chief executive at the disposal of Vale of White Horse District Council and to share the employee costs in accordance with the existing agreement between the two councils under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972;
6. that subject to South Oxfordshire District Council at its meeting on 14 December 2017 agreeing recommendations (3), (4) and (5) above, agree to the chief executive appointed by South Oxfordshire District Council being placed at the disposal of Vale of White Horse District Council and to act as its permanent chief executive and head of paid service with effect from 1 January 2018 and to share the employee costs in accordance with the existing agreement between the two councils under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972;
7. authorise the chief executive and head of paid service to nominate appropriate officers to deputise in his absence;
8. authorise the interim head of corporate services to make any necessary amendments to the council's published pay policy statement arising from the agreed terms and conditions of appointment of the chief executive.

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RESOLVED: to approve the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017.

The meeting closed at 11.50am

Chairman

Date