



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2014 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor D. M. Gray - Mayor
Councillor D.G. Carter - Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

Miss. L. Ackerman, M. Adams, Mrs. E.M. Aldworth, H.A. Andrews, Mrs. K.R. Baker, J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, D. Bolter, Mrs. P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, R.T. Davies, Mrs. D. Ellis, C. Elsbury, Ms E. E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, Mrs. J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, R.W. Gough, Mrs. P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, M.P. James, G. Johnston, Mrs. B.A. Jones, G. Jones, Ms. J.G. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, A. Lewis, K. Lloyd, S. Morgan, Mrs. G. Oliver, Mrs. R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, M.J. Prew, Mrs. D. Price, J.A. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, R. Saralis, Mrs. M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, Mrs. E. Stenner, Mrs. J. Summers, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt

Together with:-

S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), D. Street (Director of Social Services), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services), G. Williams (Monitoring Officer/Principal Solicitor), G. Hardacre (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), J. Jones (Democratic Services Manager), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

1. COUNCILLOR WOODYATT

Councillor Robin Woodyatt referred to the sudden tragic death of his grandson, Josh, just before Christmas and, on behalf of the family, wished to pass on their appreciation for the numerous cards and messages of support and condolences they have received.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.P. Angel, Mrs. G. Bevan, L. Binding, Mrs. A. Blackman, K. Dawson, N. Dix, C. Durham, Mrs. C. Forehead, C.J. Gordon, Ms. P. Leonard, C.P. Mann, J. Pritchard and J.E. Roberts.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

4. INTERIM MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Acting Deputy Chief Executive advised Members that the Council is required by law to have in place a Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service. On 23rd July 2013, Council appointed an Interim Chief Executive to undertake these duties, subject to a review prior to the end of the 6 months period. The report was produced for the purposes of undertaking the 6 month review.

It was noted that at Council on 23rd July 2013, Mr. Stuart Rosser was appointed to the role of Interim Head of Paid Service (to undertake the responsibilities associated with the role of the Chief Executive) based on a salary of £131,645 (calculated on a pro-rata basis, in that his contract be for a minimum of 3½ days per week with additional days in accordance with paragraph 4.5 of the report presented to that meeting). It was agreed at that time that the appointment be for a minimum period of six months (to commence with immediate effect) and be reviewed by Full Council prior to the expiry of the six-month period.

The Acting Deputy Chief Executive advised that the report recommends the continuation of the above mentioned interim arrangements and includes an additional recommendation that the arrangements will be subject to either party (at any time) giving one months notice in writing to terminate the arrangement in order to provide flexibility in changing circumstances. Mr. Rosser has indicated that he is prepared to extend the existing arrangements and continue in the role.

A query was raised in relation to the financial implications and it was explained by the Acting Director of Corporate Services that the appointment will be funded from the budget set aside for the Chief Executive's salary. The salary costs for the two suspended officers will be covered by corporate service reserves up until the 31st March 2014 as agreed by Cabinet on 23rd July 2013. The further use of reserves to cover these costs after 31st March 2014 will need to be considered as part of the Budget report for Council on 26th February 2014.

In commending the role being undertaken by the Interim Chief Executive, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report it was agreed that:-

- (i) the ongoing employment of Mr. Rosser as Interim Chief Executive be approved with immediate effect. The arrangements will be subject to either party (at any time) giving one months notice in writing to terminate the arrangement in order to provide flexibility in changing circumstances. In all other respects the existing arrangements will continue;
- (ii) if the interim arrangements are still in place, the appointment be subject of a review by Full Council prior to the expiry of the six month period at its scheduled meeting of the 22nd July 2014.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2014 they were signed by the Mayor.

MAYOR