

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 28th March, 2012

Present:- **Councillors** Simon Allen, Patrick Anketell-Jones, Rob Appleyard, Colin Barrett, Gabriel Batt, Cherry Beath, David Bellotti, Sarah Bevan, Mathew Blankley, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Anthony Clarke, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, Peter Edwards, Michael Evans, Andrew Furse, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Francine Haerberling, Katie Hall, Liz Hardman, Nathan Hartley, Steve Hedges, Eleanor Jackson, Dave Laming, Malcolm Lees, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, David Martin, Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst MBE, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Bryan Organ, June Player, Vic Pritchard, Manda Rigby, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Brian Simmons, Kate Simmons, Jeremy Sparks, Ben Stevens, Roger Symonds, Martin Veal, David Veale, Tim Warren, Chris Watt and Brian Webber

Apologies for absence: **Councillors** Sharon Ball, Tim Ball, Bryan Chalker, Nicholas Coombes, David Dixon, Paul Fox, Alan Hale, Malcolm Hanney, Les Kew, Douglas Nicol and Geoff Ward

69 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair(person) drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the agenda.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

71 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman proposed to defer the consideration of the minutes of the last meeting until May Council. This was accepted.

The Chairman announced that the Chief Executive had given his apologies for this meeting due to needing to represent the Council at a Central Government event in Downing Street.

The Chairman asked everyone to turn their mobile phones to off/silent.

72 MINUTES - 14TH FEBRUARY 2012

This item was deferred.

73 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

74 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE

PUBLIC

Statements were made by the following people;

- George Bailey, on behalf of the South West Transport network. The statement was referred for consideration to the Cabinet Member for Transport. [A copy of the statement is available on the Council's minute book.]
- Amanda Leon, on behalf of Radstock Action group. The statement was referred for consideration to Councillor Paul Crossley. [A copy of the statement is available on the Council's minute book.]

75 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DESIGNATION AS HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Council considered a report seeking approval of the appointment of Dr Jo Farrar as the new Chief Executive and designation of the post holder as Head of Paid Service.

Group Leaders welcomed the appointment and commended the inclusive recruitment process which had been undertaken to lead to Dr Farrar's appointment. Members commended the quality of the candidates and looked forward to Dr Farrar bringing her strong skills and experience to the role.

On a motion from Councillor Paul Crossley, seconded by Councillor Francine Haeberling, it was

RESOLVED

1. To agree the appointment of Chief Executive be offered to Jo Farrar on a spot salary of £150,000 pa within the approved range subject to;
 - a. Satisfactory completion of necessary checks and in accordance with other advertised terms and conditions;
2. To agree the designation of the postholder as Head of Paid Service under Section 4 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989; and
3. To note that Councillor Crossley, Leader of the Council, in consultation with Members of the Restructuring Implementation Committee, has agreed a start date of 1st August 2012.

76 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no items from Councillors.

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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