

CHIEF OFFICERS COMMITTEE

HELD:14 DECEMBER 2005

Start: 3.30pm

Finish: 4.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G M Roberts (Chairman)
Grant (Vice Chairman)

Bullen
Owens
A T Rice

Officers: Human Resources Manager
Senior Member Services Officer (CAJ)

In attendance: Vic Hewitt, Chief Executive (North West Employers' Organisation)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Bailey and the appointment of Councillor Owens for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

3. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G M Roberts declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7 stating that the Leader of Fylde Borough Council was known to him.

5. MINUTES

There were no minutes to receive.

6. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

8. REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (ODPM)

Consideration was given to an approach by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and Fylde Borough Council for this Council's Chief Executive to act as an interim Chief Executive to Fylde Borough Council, whilst retaining his responsibilities in West Lancashire as detailed in the report and appendices, which were presented to the Committee the Human Resources Manager and the Chief Executive of North West Employers' Organisation.

- RESOLVED:
- (A) That the temporary appointment of the Chief Executive as part-time interim Chief Executive to Fylde Borough Council, whilst retaining his responsibilities in West Lancashire, be agreed with immediate effect, subject to:
 - (i) The secondment being for a period of six months;
 - (ii) Any further amendment to this period being agreed by both Councils;
 - (ii) Amendment, where referred to in the documentation being made to read "two consecutive days per week at Fylde Borough Council" and "three consecutive days per week at West Lancashire District Council;"
 - (iv) The Deputy Chief Executive fully deputising for the Chief Executive for two days per week;
 - (v) Any expenditure incurred for accommodation and travelling whilst on secondment being the responsibility of the Chief Executive;
 - (vi) (D) below;
 - (v) the resource implications, as set out in the report, being noted.
 - (B) That the formal offer document outlining the main terms and conditions associated with the potential secondment to Fylde Borough Council, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, amended as a result of (A) above, be agreed and the Human Resources Manager, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to amend this as required.
 - (C) That the temporary revision of the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive's remuneration be approved to reflect the additional duties and responsibilities associated with the appointment as outlined in 6.2 of the report and the Human Resource Manager be authorized to issue contractual variations, subject to (D) below.

- (D) That the Human Resources Manager, in conjunction with the Council Secretary and Solicitor agree a formal contractual arrangement with Fylde Borough Council, subject to that Council approving the appointment through their own processes.

Notes:

1. During the discussion on the report a motion was moved and seconded, in the following terms:

“That any amendment in terms and conditions require the agreement of this Committee or that any delegation should include a Labour representative.”

At a request of a member, the voting on this motion was recorded as follows:

FOR: Bullen and A T Rice (TWO)

AGAINST: Grant, Owens and G M Roberts (THREE)

ABSTENTIONS: (NIL)

The Chairman thereupon declared the amendment to be LOST.

2. Councillors Bullen and A T Rice requested that their abstention from voting on resolution (B) be recorded.
3. The Chief Executive, North West Employers' Organisation asked that his thanks for the generosity extended by this Committee, on behalf of the Council, in agreeing to the secondment of its Chief Executive, be recorded.

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Chairman