

Committee: Personnel Committee
Date: Wednesday 16 December 2009
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Victoria Irvine (Chairman)	Councillor Rick Atkinson (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Russell Hurle	Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Chris Smithson	Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Rose Stratford	Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Douglas Williamson	Councillor Barry Wood

Substitutes

Any member from the relevant political group except Members of the Appeals Panel.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

- 3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

- 4. Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2009.

6. **Staff Satisfaction Survey** (Pages 5 - 22)

Report of the Head of Human Resources

Summary

To give Members of the committee the opportunity to comment on the content and timing of the survey.

Recommendation

To comment on the proposed timing and structure of the staff satisfaction survey.

7. **Employment Statistics Quarter 2 - 2009/2010** (Pages 23 - 28)

Report of the Head of Human Resources

Summary

This report details employment statistics, by Directorate, for information and monitoring purposes.

Recommendation

To note the contents of this report

8. **Apprenticeship Scheme** (Pages 29 - 38)

Report of the Head of Human Resources

Summary

To consider introducing an apprenticeship scheme at the Council.

Recommendations

- (1) To create a new position in the Council's pay and grading structure for Apprentices.
- (2) To approve recruitment into Business Administration Apprentice scheme during 2010, focusing recruitment within the Banbury Deprivation Area, subject to funding and suitably supported and resourced positions being identified across the Council.

9. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

The following reports contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

1 - Information relating to any individual.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

4 – Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

10. **Extend Management Team Review**

Report of the Chief Executive

Report to follow

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221591 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

Please contact Alexa Coates, Legal and Democratic Services alexa.coates@cherwell-dc.gov.uk (01295) 221591

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Chief Executive

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