

Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council

Joint Commissioning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Commissioning Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4AA, on 19 April 2016 at 11.00 am

Present: Councillor Ian McCord (Chairman)
Councillor Nicholas Turner (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Rebecca Breese
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Barry Wood

Substitute Members: Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb (In place of Councillor Lizzy Bowen)
Councillor Karen Cooper (In place of Councillor Phil Bignell)
Councillor Peter Rawlinson (In place of Councillor Roger Clarke)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Phil Bignell
Councillor Lizzy Bowen
Councillor Roger Clarke
Councillor Lynn Pratt

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Karen Curtin, Commercial Director (Bicester)
Chris Stratford, Head of Regeneration and Housing
Hedd Vaughan Evans, Transformation Project Manager
Natasha Clark, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

112 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

113 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

114 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

115 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 April 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

117 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

118 **Joint Property and Investment Services - Draft Business Case**

The Committee considered an exempt report of the Head of Regeneration and Housing which presented the draft business case for a Joint Property and Investment Service across Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils.

Resolved

- (1) That the draft business case for a Joint Property and Investment Service be endorsed as a basis for consultation with staff and trade unions.
- (2) That it be noted that the financial case would be finalised once the job evaluation process had been completed and that costs were not expected to be higher than those included in the draft business case, but may be lower.
- (3) That it be noted that the job evaluation process was underway and was expected to be completed in the next month and that consultation with staff would not commence until the completion of the job evaluation process.

(All officers, with the exception of the Chief Executive, left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

119 **Interviews for Chief Finance Officer**

The committee considered the applications that had been received for the post of Chief Finance Officer. The committee saw each of the short listed applicants in turn and asked them a number of questions.

Following the interviews the committee evaluated the applications and considered the supporting information from the assessment centre.

Resolved

- (1) That Paul Sutton be appointed to the post of Chief Finance Officer.

(The Democratic and Elections Team Leader re-joined the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

120 **Update on the Management Restructure**

The Chief Executive submitted an exempt report which provided an update on the management restructure.

Resolved

- (1) That the update on the implementation of Phase 1 be noted.
- (2) That agreement be given to pause the implementation of Phase 2 until there was more clarity on the unitary discussions in Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.
- (3) That the Chief Executive be asked to review the capacity and skills required to deliver business as usual, the transformation programme and to contribute as appropriate to the studies to explore the options for the delivery of public services in Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire; and to organise the resources of the two councils accordingly.

The meeting ended at 5.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: