

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2013

PRESENT:- Councillors Brian Mattock (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Mark Dempsey, Fionuala Foley, Des Moffatt, Mike Bawden, Steve Allsopp (Deputy), Claire Ellis (Deputy), Richard Hurley (Deputy) and Ann Richards (Deputy).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Renard (Chair), Jim Grant, Garry Perkins and Stan Pajak.

6. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

7. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked under Standing Order 28.

9. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the additional oral Agenda Item (Shareholder Consent Matters - Swindon Commercial Services Ltd.) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned. (Minute 11 refers.)

10. Appointment of Director to the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd.

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported that further to the decision of the Council on the Strategic Review of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd. (Minute 4 refers), it was necessary for the Council, as shareholder, to appoint a new director to serve on the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd. following the retirement of the former Managing Director. He explained the reasons for seeking to make the proposed appointment at this time and the role and responsibilities.

Councillor Des Moffatt asked if a decision would be taken to fill the vacancy that had arisen for a private sector representative on the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd.

The Director of Law and Democratic Services and the Board Director, Service Delivery advised that steps were underway to identify a suitable person to fulfil this role.

Resolved – That Mr Bernie Brannan, Board Director, Service Delivery, be appointed as a director to serve on the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Limited (SCS).

11. Shareholder Consent Matters - Swindon Commercial Services Ltd.

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported that further to the decision of the Council on the Strategic Review of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd. (SCS) (Minute 4 refers), various 'Shareholder Consent' matters under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and SCS might arise for determination by the Council, including any change in the membership of the SCS Board which might be sought by the company.

Resolved – That the update of the Director of Law and Democratic Services be noted.