

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2016

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford, Jim Grant, Dale Heenan, Brian Mattock (Vice-Chair), Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Garry Perkins, Kevin Small and Russell Holland.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Renard (Chair).

21. Declarations of Interest

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

22. Minutes

Resolved –That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

23. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked under Standing Order 28.

24. Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee received a report of the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage, setting out the Council's role in respect of the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan, following public consultation and the issuing of the independent Examiner's Report. It was noted that it was a requirement of Schedule 4B (12) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and paragraph 18 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, that a local authority must consider each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's Report and decide what action to take in response to each recommendation. It was further noted that, if the Borough Council was satisfied that, subject to modifications being made, the draft Neighbourhood Plan met the legal requirements and basic conditions as set out in legislation, then the plan could proceed to referendum.

Resolved – (1) That the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan 'Decision Statement', as set out in the Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(2) That, subject to his being satisfied as to the carrying out by Wroughton Parish Council and Swindon Borough Council of the modifications recommended by the Examiner, the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to undertake a referendum on the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan in Wroughton Parish, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012, as soon as is practically possible.

(2) That a change to the Council's polling place scheme for the Wroughton Neighbourhood Planning Referendum be approved, so that all polling stations are situated within the Ellendune Centre.

25. Organisation changes consequential on the appointment of the Chief Executive

The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive submitted a joint report regarding the commencement of the first stage of a phased approach to a review of the required structure for the Council over the coming months, following the formal appointment of the new Chief Executive on the 25th February 2016.

The report sought authority for the new post holder to make amendments to the council's organisational structure. It was also noted that, over the next 12 months, it was intended that there would be further changes to the Council's management structure, additional to those outlined in the report, and that these proposed changes would be the subject of a series of reports and recommendations to be made to this Committee.

Specifically, the report sought authority for the deletion of the Board Director Commissioning post, to be replaced with two statutory roles of Director of Adult Services and Director of Children's Services, as per the current interim arrangements, and the deletion of the Head of Commissioning Children & Adults post and the Head of Children's Social Care, Community Health & Family Services post.

Resolved – (1) That the following posts be deleted from the management structure:

- a) Board Director Commissioning (DCS/DASS).
- b) Head of Commissioning Children & Adults.
- c) Head of Children's Social Care, Community Health & Family Services.

(2) That, consequent to the internal appointment of the Board Director Commissioning (DCS/DASS) to the post of Chief Executive, the interim arrangements previously agreed by the Committee with regard to the statutory roles of Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) and Director of Children's Services (DCS), as reported to the Special Committee at its meeting on 18th December 2015 (Minute No. 15 refers), be made permanent.

(3) That the appointment of Penna to assist with the internal recruitment process for the statutory roles of Director of Children Services (DCS) and Director of Adult Social Services (DASS), and to assist with the recruitment of an Interim Head of Economy, be endorsed.

(4) That the interim arrangements previously agreed, for (i) the Head of Education Services to report to the DCS, and (ii) the Director of Public Health to report to the DASS, be made permanent.

(5) That the interim arrangement previously agreed, for the Head of Housing Management and Community Safety to report the Board Director Service Delivery, be made permanent.

(6) That the revised organisation chart, attached to the report at Appendix 2, be agreed.

(7) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to amend the Council's Constitution as necessary to reflect the decisions referred to in (1) to (6) above.