

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the Council Offices, Letchworth, on Tuesday, 4 August 2009 at 3.00p.m.

PRESENT: *Councillors T.W. Hone (Chairman), Tom Brindley, , Lorna Kercher, L.W. Oliver and F.J. Smith.*

IN ATTENDANCE: *Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance, Strategic Director of Planning, Housing & Enterprise and Learning & Development Manager.*

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor T.W. Hone be elected as Chairman of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Judi Billing (Councillor Lorna Kercher was substituting) and S.K. Jarvis (Councillor L.W. Oliver was substituting).

3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There had been no notification of any other business.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business 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 of the said Act.

6. APPOINTMENT TO POST OF HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING CONTROL

Further to the Chairman's announcement regarding declarations of interest, Councillor T.W. Hone asked for it to be noted that he and Ian Fullstone, the proposed officer for this post, are both Governors at the same school.

The Strategic Director of Planning, Housing & Enterprise presented a report on the outcome of the process to appoint to the post of Head of Development & Building Control.

The Committee considered the report and officers responded to a number of questions raised by Members. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Ian Fullstone be appointed to the post of Head of Development & Building Control. It was noted that the other candidate was also a strong candidate and very well respected. The Strategic Director of Planning, Housing & Enterprise was asked to thank them for their applications.

7. APPOINTMENT TO POSTS OF HEAD OF POLICY, PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLANNING & ENTERPRISE MANAGER

The Strategic Director of Finance, Policy & Governance presented a report on the outcome of the process to appoint to the post of Head of Policy, Partnerships & Community Development and to the post of Corporate Strategic Planning & Enterprise Manager.

The Committee considered the report and officers responded to a number of questions raised by Members. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

1. That Liz Green be appointed to the post of Head of Policy, Partnerships & Community Development, and that the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be asked to closely monitor the effective transition to this new post.
2. That John Ironside be appointed to the post of Corporate Strategic Planning & Enterprise Manager, subject to the conclusion of the consultation period.

The meeting closed at 4.00p.m.

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Chairman