

MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 16 March 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors Bloundele, (Chair), The Mayor, D Budd, Councillors Arundale, Blyth, Brady, Brunton, Carr, Cole, Cox, Davison, Harvey, Hellaoui, Hubbard, Hussain, Lewis, McCabe, McGee, McGloin, McTigue, G Purvis, P Purvis, Rathmell, C M Rooney, D Rooney, Rostron, Saunders, Shan, Sharrocks, Taylor, Thompson, Uddin, J A Walker, N J Walker, Walters and Young

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Clifford, UNISON Representative

OFFICERS: K Clark, L Henman, A Hoy, S Lightwing, B Roberts, M Robinson and N Sayer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Coupe, Dean, Dryden, Goodchild, Higgins, C Hobson, J Hobson and Mawston.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest at this point of the meeting.

1 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

2 COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THE ROLES OF SECTION 151 AND MONITORING OFFICERS - REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive presented a report to seek Council's approval to improve Governance arrangements across the Council, including proposed changes to senior management arrangements within the Commercial and Corporate Services Directorate, affecting the Assistant Directors of Finance and Investment and Organisation and Governance who currently undertook the statutory roles of Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer respectively.

M Clifford, UNISON Representative, made representations to Council on behalf of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Council approved the following alterations to the senior management structure within Corporate and Commercial Services:

- a) The creation of a new post titled Director of Finance, Governance and Support at Strategic Director level.
- b) The deletion of the post of Assistant Director Organisation and Governance.
- c) The deletion of the post of Assistant Director Finance and Investment.

2. Council noted the following impacts of the above decisions:

- a) Deletion of the two current Assistant Director posts and consequent potential redundancies.

b) Re-designation of Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer roles.

3. Council approved the following designations of statutory roles:

- Section 151 Officer - Director of Finance, Governance and Support (new post).
- Monitoring Officer - Head of Legal Services.
- Returning Officer - Head of Democratic Services.
- Electoral Registration Officer - Head of Democratic Services.

4. Council notes the following designation of role:

- Information Governance Risk Owner - Head of Legal Services.