

County Council Meeting – 13 October 2015

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- * Mr David Hodge (Chairman)
- * Mr Peter Martin (Vice Chairman)
- * Ms Denise Le Gal
- * Mr Nick Harrison
- * Mr Ken Gulati
- * Mrs Hazel Watson

* = Present

A = Apologies

ARRANGEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR MANAGERS TO THE ORBIS JOINT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

1. A recent review and report to the People, Performance and Development Committee of arrangements for the appointment of senior management positions (pay grades S15 and above) within the Orbis Joint Partnership made recommendations to make concessions to allow a Member from East Sussex County Council to have involvement in the Appointment Sub-committee.
2. The Orbis Joint Partnership builds on the already successful collaboration between Surrey and East Sussex delivering shared services, 'South East Shared Services', (including Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Expenses and Pensions Administration). Furthermore, Surrey and East Sussex procurement departments have been operating as a joint procurement service since 2012.
3. While there are no statutory restrictions which would prevent a Member of East Sussex County Council from sitting on and participating in Surrey County Council's Appointments Sub-Committee, Section 13 of The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 does prohibit Members from another authority voting on such decisions.
4. The People, Performance and Development Committee agreed that the Leader of the Council will write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding Section 13 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and ask that this be reviewed in light of closer collaboration between local authorities as a result of regional devolution in England and Wales.
5. The Council is asked to note that East Sussex County Council will institute a similar arrangement and that a Member from Surrey County Council will be invited to attend Appointments Sub-Committee at East Sussex County Council where they are the organisation paying for the post.

6. That the People, Performance and Development Committee **COMMENDS** to the Council that the Constitution be amended to institute a formalised arrangement for the appointment of senior managers to the Orbis Joint Partnership, where Surrey County Council is the authority paying for the post, to allow a Member of East Sussex County Council to sit on and participate in the Appointments Sub-Committee as a co-opted Member without the ability to exercise voting rights.

David Hodge
Chairman of People, Performance and Development Committee
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