

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT WOODHATCH PLACE, 11 COCKSHOT HILL, REIGATE, SURREY,
RH2 8EF, ON 9 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM, THE COUNCIL BEING
CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Saj Hussain (Chair)
Tim Hall (Vice-Chair)

Maureen Attewell	* Eber Kington
Ayesha Azad	Rachael Lake BEM
Catherine Baart	Victor Lewanski
Steve Bax	David Lewis (Cobham)
John Beckett	David Lewis (Camberley West)
* Jordan Beech	* Scott Lewis
* Luke Bennett	* Andy Lynch
Amanda Boote	Andy MacLeod
Dennis Booth	Ernest Mallett MBE
Harry Boparai	Michaela Martin
Liz Bowes	Jan Mason
Natalie Bramhall	Steven McCormick
Helyn Clack	* Cameron McIntosh
* Stephen Cooksey	Julia McShane
Clare Curran	Sinead Mooney
Nick Darby	* Carla Morson
Fiona Davidson	* Bernie Muir
* Paul Deach	Mark Nuti
Kevin Deanus	John O'Reilly
Jonathan Essex	Tim Oliver
* Robert Evans OBE	Rebecca Paul
* Chris Farr	* George Potter
Paul Follows	Catherine Powell
Will Forster	Penny Rivers
* John Furey	* John Robini
Matt Furniss	* Becky Rush
Angela Goodwin	* Joanne Sexton
* Jeffrey Gray	Lance Spencer
David Harmer	Lesley Steeds
Nick Harrison	Mark Sugden
Edward Hawkins	Richard Tear
* Marisa Heath	* Ashley Tilling
Trefor Hogg	Chris Townsend
Robert Hughes	Liz Townsend
Jonathan Hulley	Denise Turner-Stewart
Rebecca Jennings-Evans	Hazel Watson
* Frank Kelly	Jeremy Webster
Riasat Khan	Buddhi Weerasinghe
Robert King	* Fiona White
	Keith Witham

*absent

27/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Jordan Beech, Luke Bennett, Stephen Cooksey, Paul Deach, Robert Evans OBE, Marisa Heath, Frank Kelly, Eber Kington, Scott Lewis, Cameron McIntosh, Carla Morson, Bernie Muir, George Potter, John Robini, Becky Rush, Joanne Sexton, Ashley Tilling, Fiona White.

28/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]

There were none.

29/24 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE [Item 3]

The Leader, as Chairman of the People, Performance and Development Committee (PPDC), introduced the report. He thanked the team responsible for the selection process, particularly the Director of People and Change. He noted that there had been an excellent field of candidates, who faced tough panel interviews and he thanked the participants in the stakeholder engagement day. He noted that the PPDC conducted the final interviews and recommended that Terence Herbert be appointed as the Council's Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. He highlighted that Terence had been the Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council for the past four years and had a background in mental health and social work; he had been the Director of Children's Services at Wiltshire Council when its rating moved from Requires Improvement to Outstanding. He thanked Leigh Whitehouse for stepping up as the Interim Chief Executive and agreeing to continue in that role prior to his departure and he congratulated him for his new role as Chief Executive of West Sussex County Council. He noted that at the next Council meeting he would provide the date for the arrival of the permanent Chief Executive and plan regarding the permanent Section 151 Officer. He recognised that the changes to the Chief Executive and the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) could be unsettling, but provided assurance that the Council had a strong foundation and clear ambition of 'no one left behind'. He stressed the need for the Council to drive the transformation plan forward with enthusiasm and momentum.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council appointed Terence Herbert as the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service of Surrey County Council, with a start date to be agreed.
2. That the Council appointed the preferred candidate for the Chief Executive as the Returning Officer for Surrey County Council.
3. That the Council approved that Leigh Whitehouse will continue as the Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Council's paid service of Surrey County Council until the new permanent Chief Executive takes up their position, or until Leigh Whitehouse leaves the Council to take up his new role as Chief Executive of West Sussex County Council.
4. That the Council approved that Anna D'Alessandro continues as Interim Statutory Section 151 Officer.

30/24 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER [Item 4]

The Leader, as Chairman of the PPDC, introduced the report. He noted that he was sorry to see that the Director of Law and Governance, and Monitoring Officer, Paul Evans would be leaving the Council and was retiring from local government. On behalf of the Council, he thanked Paul and he noted that he had been outstanding in his role, providing a calm and reflective approach and clear advice throughout challenging times such as the Covid-19 pandemic and challenging legal matters. He was delighted

that the Council had secured Asmat Hussain as the Interim Monitoring Officer to provide that continuity prior to the appointment of a permanent Monitoring Officer in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Council appointed Asmat Hussain to act as the Interim Monitoring Officer for Surrey County Council with effect from 22 April 2024.

The Chair thanked Paul Evans for all his expertise and guidance provided to the Council over the past four and a half years as Director of Law and Governance, and Monitoring Officer; he noted that Paul would be leaving the organisation later in the month and wished him well for the future.

The Chair invited Members and the CLT to join him for refreshments and networking.

[Meeting ended at: 10.10 am]

Chair

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