



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Town Hall, Epsom on 7 March 2017

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor George Crawford); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Alex Clarke, Graham Dudley, Chris Frost, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Absent: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Liz Frost), Rekha Bansil, Kate Chinn, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Robert Foote, Rob Geleit, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Keith Partridge, Jane Race, David Reeve, Vince Romagnuolo and Alan Sursham

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding the item on the Agenda.

49 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure and Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

50 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Council received a report from the Head of HR and Organisational Development which set out the recommendations of the Appointment Panel, convened in accordance with the Constitution, to consider the appointment of a Chief Executive. The Chief Executive would also fulfil the roles of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer.

Councillor Eber Kington **PROPOSED** and Councillor Chris Frost **SECONDED** the recommendations in the report.

In moving the recommendations, Councillor Kington thanked the Head of HR and Organisational Development and her team for their support and his colleagues on the Panel. He commended the appointment of Kathryn Beldon as the stand out candidate in a strong field. Councillors Chris Frost and Alex Clarke echoed these sentiments.

Upon being put, the recommendations were **CARRIED** (Unanimously).

Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the appointment of Kathryn Beldon to the post of Chief Executive approved and the proposal to formally offer the post to her endorsed;
- (2) the appointment be made on terms which comply with the Councils Pay Policy Statement under section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Appointments Panel be authorised to finalise all terms and conditions, following consultation with Head of Human Resources & Organisational Development;
- (3) If the offer referred to in recommendation (1) be accepted, Kathryn Beldon be designated the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer with effect from 3 April 2017;
- (4) If the offer referred to in recommendation (1) be accepted, Kathryn Beldon be appointed as the Head of the Paid Service with effect from 3 April 2017;
- (5) it be noted that the Chief Executive will automatically serve as Clerk to Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators and Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee;
- (6) If the offer referred to in recommendation (1) be accepted, Lee Duffy be appointed as the Council's s151 Officer and Acting Director of Finance & Resources, from 3 April 2017 until such time as the appointment of a new Director of Finance & Resources takes effect.

The meeting began at 6.30 pm and ended at 6.46 pm

COUNCILLOR GEORGE CRAWFORD
MAYOR