
Meeting	Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee
Date	20 July 2020
Present	Councillors Aspden (Chair), D'Agorne (Vice-Chair), Hook and D Myers

10. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, that they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared. The Chair indicated that, although Agenda Item 6 (Urgent Business) related to his appointment as Director of the LEP, he had been advised that he did not have a declarable interest in this item.

11. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Annexes A, B and C to Agenda Item 6 (Pension or Exit Discretion), on the grounds that they contain information relating to individuals and the financial affairs of particular persons, which is classed as exempt under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

12. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 15 June 2020 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a future date.

13. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

14. Work Plan

Members considered the committee's work plan to the end of the 2020 calendar year.

Resolved: That the work plan be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

15. *Pension or Exit Discretion

Members considered a report which advised them of expenditure associated with proposed pension or exit discretions.

Details of each proposal and its implications were set out in the business cases in exempt Annexes A, B and C to the report.

Resolved: That the expenditure associated with the proposed pension or exit discretions, as detailed in the report annexes, be noted and approved.

Reason: So that the Committee has an overview of expenditure associated with pension or exit discretions.

**Note: The Chair agreed to vary the order of business so that this item was dealt with in private session at the end of the meeting, once all other business had been concluded.*

16. Urgent Business - Appointment of City of York Councillor as Director of York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited

Members considered a report which sought approval to appoint Cllr Aspden as a Director of York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Limited, a dormant company limited by guarantee registered by the LEP, in order to meet the requirements of a Government review on LEP governance arrangements.

The Chair had agreed to accept this item as urgent business at the meeting because the appointment must be confirmed by 31 July 2020 and there were no other meetings of the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee or Full Council scheduled before that date.

It was explained that the review required each LEP to assume its own legal identity, either by incorporation as a private company or merging with a combined authority. The creation of a limited company, with each of the LEP's Main Board members (including Cllr Aspden) as directors, had been agreed as a holding position pending devolution discussions between the authorities. In response to Members' questions, officers confirmed that Cllr D'Agorne could continue to act as a substitute on the Main Board despite not being a director.

Resolved: That Cllr Keith Aspden be appointed as a Director of York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited.

Reason: In order to meet the requirements of the Government's review of LEP governance arrangements.

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.42 pm].