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Meeting	Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee
Date	16 February 2015
Present	Councillors Simpson-Laing (Chair), Steward, Reid (Substitute) and Williams
Apologies	Councillors Aspden and Watson

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#### **74. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that they might have had in respect of the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

#### **75. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of annexes to Agenda Item 6 and 7.

#### **76. Minutes**

The accuracy of the following paragraph relating to Minute Item 72 (Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies) from the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2015 was queried;

*“In regards to the proposal to replace Councillor Watt on Local Plan Working Group, Councillor Watson felt that Councillor Watt would make a good Independent Member on the committee”.*

It was suggested that, since the inclusion of the above statement was not material to the decision in hand, if Members were in agreement, it would be appropriate for the paragraph to be simply deleted from the minutes. That being agreed, it was.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 19 January 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair subject to the deletion of the paragraph detailed above.

## **77. Public Participation**

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

## **78. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Members considered a report which asked them to agree to changes in appointments to two Committees and to approve nominations to a briefing group 'York Community Stadium Lead Members Group', to be established.

Members were taken through the changes to be considered.

### York Community Stadium Lead Members Group

Details had been sought from Groups of cross party nominations to this briefing group. Although this was not a decision making body, Members were, nonetheless, reminded to consider any potential conflicts of interest before making their nominations.

Since the report had been published, a nomination had been received for Councillor King to represent the Labour Independent Group. No nomination had yet been received from any Independent Member. Councillor Williams confirmed, at the meeting, that Councillor Levene would be the nomination of the Labour Group.

Resolved:

That the following changes and appointments be agreed:

- (i) Councillor Williams to replace Councillor Simpson-Laing as Chair of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee.
- (ii) Councillor Richardson to replace Councillor Watt on Planning Committee.
- (iii) A briefing group 'York Community Stadium Lead Members Group' be established, comprising the following cross party Members:
  - Labour- Councillor Levene
  - Conservative- Councillor Steward
  - Liberal Democrat- Councillor Ayre

- Green-Councillor Taylor
- Labour Independent- Councillor King
- Ward Councillor (Huntington and New Earswick)-  
Councillor Orrell
- Independent Member (to be nominated to the next meeting of this Committee, when received)

Reason: In order to make appropriate changes and appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year.

### **79. Pension or Exit Discretion**

Members received a report which advised them of the expenditure associated with pension or exit discretions in accordance with council policy.

A confidential annex which detailed a request for flexible retirement was circulated amongst Members.

Resolved: That the proposal be noted.

Reason: In order to provide an overview of expenditure and to consider whether the Council should exercise its discretionary powers.

### **80. Redundancy**

Members received a report which advised them of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of an employee on the grounds of voluntary redundancy.

A confidential annex containing details of the redundancy was circulated to Members.

Resolved: That the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of the employee on the grounds of voluntary redundancy be noted.

Reason: In order to provide an overview of the expenditure.

Councillor T Simpson-Laing, Chair  
[The meeting started at 5.32 pm and finished at 5.45 pm].