
Meeting	Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee
Date	15 February 2016
Present	Councillors Steward (Chair), Looker and Fenton (Substitute for Councillor Aspden)
Apologies	Councillor Aspden

69. Declarations of Interest

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

70. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 1 February 2016 be signed and approved as by the Chair as a correct record.

71. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak. Gwen Swinburn did not attend the meeting, however the Chair read out her emailed comments in relation to the recruitment of staff.

The Chair stated that he wanted to make the recruitment process as open as he could, however there needed to be a balance between paid and non paid advertising. He stated that he would take some of the issues raised to the next Group Leader's meeting.

72. City of York Council Member Representation on the Business Improvement District Board

The Committee considered a report which asked them to appoint two Members to the York Business Improvement District Board (BID).

It was noted that Councillor Looker had made previous representations when the report had been presented at Executive about greater political balance on the Board.

Resolved: That that the two available BID Board posts set aside for City of York Council be filled by Councillor Steward and Councillor Aspden.

Reason: To ensure balanced representation for the Council on the BID Board and ongoing visible support for local businesses.

73. Appointment of Chair for the York Flood Inquiry

Members received a report which asked them to establish a Panel to interview for the role of Chair of an independent inquiry into the York Floods.

The Chair suggested in regards to the suggested recommendations in the Officer's report, that a panel of three was not sufficient and felt that Group Leaders should be involved in consultation with the Chief Executive.

One Member asked if expressions of interest had been invited for members of the inquiry. It was confirmed this would be carried out once the Chair had been appointed.

Resolved: (i) That a Panel be appointed consisting of the four Group Leaders to interview and appoint for the role of Chair to the Flood Inquiry.

(ii) That further members of the inquiry team be appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the inquiry and Group Leaders.

Reason: To ensure the appointment of a credible and independent chair for the Flood Inquiry.

Councillor C Steward, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.37 pm].