



Notice of a public meeting of

Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee

To: Councillors Alexander (Chair), Gunnell, Fraser, Runciman and Gillies

Date: Monday, 4 February 2013

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public

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Annexes to Agenda Item 5 (Redundancy) on the grounds that they contain information relating to individuals and the financial affairs of particular persons. This information 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).

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee held on 21 January 2013.

4. Public Participation

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5. Redundancy (Pages 5 - 6)

This report advises the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of a number of employees on the grounds of redundancy.

6. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

a) Changes to Appointments to Council Bodies. (Pages 7 - 10)

This report asks Members to agree to add Councillor Richardson as a substitute to the Conservative place currently occupied by Councillor Steward on the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the remainder of the Municipal year 2012/13.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	STAFFING MATTERS & URGENCY COMMITTEE
DATE	21 JANUARY 2013
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), GUNNELL, FRASER, REID (SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNCILLOR RUNCIMAN) AND GILLIES
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR RUNCIMAN

67. 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 had in respect of the agenda.

None were declared.

68. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of annexes to agenda item 5, on the grounds that it contains information relating to individuals and the financial affairs of particular persons. This information is classified as exempt under Paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by the Local Government Act (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 10 December 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

71. REDUNDANCY

Members considered a report which advised them of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of a number of employees on the grounds of redundancy.

Details of the three employees were contained as exempt annexes to the report. These annexes were circulated at the meeting. The redundancies were voluntary and no discretionary enhancements were proposed.

RESOLVED: That the proposals presented on the grounds of redundancy, as detailed in the annexes, be considered and noted.

REASON: To provide an overview of expenditure.

Councillor J Alexander, Chair
[The meeting started at 1.05 pm and finished at 1.09 pm].



Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee**4 February 2013**

Report of the Director of Customer and Business Support Services

Redundancy**Summary**

1. This report advises the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of a number of employees on the grounds of redundancy.

Background

2. The background and detailed case surrounding each proposal are contained in the individual business cases to be circulated at the meeting as annexes to this report.

Consultation

3. All of the proposed redundancies have been subject to consultation in accordance with the Council's statutory obligations.

Options

4. The Committee has the power within the Council's procedures to approve discretionary enhancements to redundancy and/or pension payments. The Committee does not have the power to make lower payments. By law the decisions as to whether or not to make an employee redundant rests with the Chief Executive or Officers nominated by her.

Analysis

5. The analysis of each proposal can be found in the respective business case.

Council Plan

6. Whilst the actions being proposed in the report are not material to the Council Plan they are consistent with the required outcomes of the More 4 York programme.

Implications

7. The implications of each proposal can be found in the respective business case.

Risk Management

8. The specific risks associated with each proposal and how they can be mitigated are contained in each business case. In summary, the risks associated with the recommended option are financial, legal, operational and reputational.

Recommendations

9. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to:
 - 1) Note the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of the employees on the grounds of redundancy detailed in the annexes.

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

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Report

Date

25 January
2013

Approved

Specialist Implications Officer(s):

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Individual Business Cases (to be circulated at the meeting)



Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee**4 February 2013**

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Changes to Appointments to Council Bodies**Summary**

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 24 May 2012 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2012/13 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made we have been advised that a change is required to the agreed list.

Background

2. The requested change to the agreed appointments is:
Outside Bodies (page 32 of the report to Council)
 - North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (NYFRA) – to add Councillor Richardson as a substitute to the Conservative place currently occupied by Councillor Steward
3. This matter has been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of the timing of the forthcoming meeting of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, which is due to be held on 13 February 2013. Councillor Steward is not able to attend this meeting and would like to send a substitute but the substitute must first be formally approved by City of York Council. NYFRA are happy with this arrangement which is consistent with that provided for other groups represented by City of York Council Members on the NYFRA.

Consultation

4. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places at the Annual Council Meeting, the relevant Group has been consulted and provided with the necessary information.

Options

5. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the change to the Council appointments set out at paragraph 2 of the report.
Council Plan 2011-15
6. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

7. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider nominations to places on Committees and outside bodies:
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

8. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to committees, advisory committees, sub Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree to the appointment of Councillor Richardson as a Conservative substitute on the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year and in order that a substitute can attend the next meeting of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority in place of Councillor Steward.

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**Report
Approved**

Date 1 February
2013

Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None

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