



## **Notice of a public meeting of**

### **Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee**

**To:** Councillors Alexander (Chair), Boyce, Fraser, Gillies and Aspden

**Date:** Monday, 28 October 2013

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G039)

### **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**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following:

An annex to Agenda Item 5 (Redundancy) on the grounds that it contains 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 30 September 2013.

### 4. **Public Participation**

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Committee's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is **Friday 25 October 2013 at 5.00 pm**.

### 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.

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- Monitor best value continuous service improvement plans

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

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Meeting	Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee
Date	30 September 2013
Present	Councillors Alexander (Chair), Fraser, Gillies and Simpson-Laing (Substitute)
Apologies	Councillors Boyce and Aspden

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**37. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, not included on the Register of Interests, that they may have in respect of the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

**38. Exclusion of Press and Public**

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

**39. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee held on 16 September 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**40. Public Participation**

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

**41. Redundancy**

Members considered a report which advised them of the details and expenditure associated with a request for the flexible retirement of an employee, including expenditure associated with the proposal, on the grounds of redundancy.

Resolved: That the request for flexible retirement be agreed.

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

Councillor J Alexander, Chair

[The meeting started at 1.00 pm and finished at 1.05 pm].



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**Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee****28 October 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 cases surrounding the proposals are contained in business cases which will be circulated at the meeting as an annex to this report.

**Consultation**

3. 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 the proposals can be found in the business cases.

**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 the proposals can be found in the business cases.

**Risk Management**

- 8. The specific risks associated with the proposals and how they can be mitigated are contained in the business cases. In summary, the risks associated with the recommended options are financial, legal, operational and reputational.

**Recommendations**

- 9. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to:

Consider and note the proposals presented on the grounds of redundancy as detailed in the annex.

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

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**Report**  **Date** 17.10.2013  
**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**

**Annex**

Individual Business Case (to be circulated at the meeting)