
MEETING	STAFFING MATTERS & URGENCY COMMITTEE
DATE	9 SEPTEMBER 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR), FRASER, GILLIES AND SCOTT

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Fraser declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 (Equal Pay), as a member of the retired section of UNISON and a member of the retired section of Unite (TGWU / ACTS section)..

Councillor Scott declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 (Equal Pay) as a member of UNITE and as a solicitor, although he was not handling any equal pay claims against the City of York Council or any other council.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 5 (Equal Pay) on the grounds that it contains information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. This information is classed as exempt under paragraphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order 2006).

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee meeting held on 1 June 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to Minute 1 being amended to read "Cllr Fraser declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the business generally, as a member of the TGWU/ACTS Retired Members Section and the UNISON Retired Members Association".

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

9. EQUAL PAY

(See also exempt minute)

Members received a report that provided an update on Equal Pay litigation.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained within the report be approved subject to the agreed amendment to paragraph 6.1.

REASON: To progress the conduct of the case.

Councillor Scott requested that his abstention from voting be recorded.

A WALLER, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.50 pm and finished at 6.55 pm].