

Notice of meeting of

Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee

To: Councillors Waller (Chair), Runciman (Vice-Chair),
Alexander, Fraser and Gillies

Date: Monday, 4 April 2011

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the 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 annexes 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 21 March 2011.

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 **5.00 pm** on Friday, 1 April 2011.

5. Redundancy (Pages 5 - 6)

This report advises Members of the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of a number of employees on the grounds of redundancy. Exempt annexes containing details of the individual cases will be circulated to Members at the meeting.

6. Any Other Matters which the Chair decides are urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

Democracy Officer:

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- Review existing policies and assist in the development of new ones, as necessary; and
- Monitor best value continuous service improvement plans

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	STAFFING MATTERS & URGENCY COMMITTEE
DATE	21 MARCH 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR, IN THE CHAIR), ALEXANDER, FRASER AND GILLIES
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR WALLER

63. 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.

Cllr Fraser declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (Redundancy), as a member of the retired section of UNISON and the retired section of Unite (TGWU / ACTS sections).

Cllr Alexander declared a personal interest in the same item, as a member of the GMB.

64. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the annexes to agenda item 5 (Redundancy), on the grounds that they contain information relating to individuals and the financial affairs of particular persons, which 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).

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee held on 7 March 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

66. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

67. REDUNDANCY

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

Details of the 32 individual employees, contained within ten business cases, were circulated at the meeting as exempt annexes to the report. Of these, 21 related to voluntary redundancies, ten to compulsory redundancies and one to a fixed-term contract coming to a close.

During their discussion, Members queried the pension costs reportedly associated with three of the six voluntary redundancies set out in Annex D. They requested that further details on all six of these be provided before the redundancies were approved. It was also requested that the information set out in the business cases supplied to the Committee be standardised in future, to ensure consistency and to enable Members to have a clear view of all the costs involved.

RESOLVED: (i) That the expenditure associated with the proposed dismissal of the employees on the grounds of redundancy, as detailed in the annexes, be noted.

REASON: So that Members have an overview of the expenditure.

(ii) That the further information requested in respect of Annex D be provided by e-mail to Members and acknowledged by them before 5pm today (21st March).

REASON: To ensure that Members are satisfied with the accuracy of the costs in respect of these particular cases.

A WALLER, Chair

[The meeting started at 12.05 pm and finished at 12.50 pm].



Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee**4th April 2011**

Report of the Director of Customer and Business Support Services

Redundancy**Summary**

1. This report advises 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 is contained in the individual business case attached 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.

Corporate Priorities

6. The actions being proposed in this report are designed to support the Council's corporate priority "Effective Organisation" and 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 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.

Contact Details

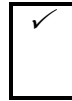
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**Report
Approved**



Date 25th March 2011

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)