

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 8th October, 2008 at 5.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT

Councillor Caunt (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. Millward (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Adams, Ali, Knowles, Ms. Partridge, Sparks, Tyler and Mrs. Walker.

OFFICERS

Director of Law and Property and the Democratic Services Manager.
Principal Personnel Officer (for Minutes Nos. 8 to 15 only).

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

9 APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

No substitute Members had been appointed for this meeting.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared a personal or prejudicial interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

11 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

12 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8

There were no questions under Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

14 CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c), it was

RESOLVED

That agenda item No. 7 (Children's Services) be considered as the next item of business.

15 CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Further to Minute No. 6 of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2008, the Committee received a verbal report from the Director of Law and Property on the current employment situation with regard to a Chief Officer.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the proposals for the secondment and subsequent retirement of the officer referred to in the verbal report be approved in principle and that the Director of Law and Property and the Head of Personnel and Support Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to take all necessary action to finalise the secondment agreement and the subsequent retirement of the officer on terms and conditions to be agreed.
 - (2) That the decision set out in resolution (1) above be subject to confirmation from the Local Government Association that it will meet the additional costs arising from the retirement of the officer concerned as a direct consequence of the secondment agreement and that a further report be submitted to the Committee in the event that such confirmation is not received.
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EARLY RETIREMENT

Further to Minute No. 7 of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2008, the Committee received a report of the Director of Law and Property on negotiations relating to the early retirement of a Chief Officer.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the terms for the early retirement of the officer referred to in the report, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.
- (2) That the Director of Law and Property, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to enter into a Compromise Agreement and to take any further action that is required in connection with the early retirement referred to in resolution (1) above.
- (3) That a meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 27th October, 2008 at 6.00pm to consider an interim appointment to the vacancy arising from the early retirement of the officer concerned and any other appointments that may be necessary.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN