

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
15 FEBRUARY 2017
7.30 - 8.00 PM**



Present:

Councillors McLean (Chairman), Allen (Vice-Chairman), Angell, Leake, Ms Miller and Worrall

None-voting Co-optee:

Councillor Heydon

Apologies for Absence were received from:

Councillors Mrs Birch, Mrs Temperton and Virgo

The Chairman extended his best wishes to the Chief Officer, Human Resources on behalf of the Committee and wished her a speedy recovery.

32. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33. Minutes from previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

35. Update from the Chairman of the Local Joint Committee

It was reported that trade union representatives had noted that the reports before them related to the Council's budget proposals and had raised no issues. Trade unions representatives had been supportive of the amendment to the No Smoking Policy.

36. Minutes of Sub Groups

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the minutes of the Local Joint Committee on 5 October 2016.

37. Amendment to No Smoking Policy

The Director of Corporate Services reported that an amendment to the Council's No Smoking Policy was proposed to comply with recommendations from Public Health England. The Council's current policy was not conducive to encouraging those that vaped to give up smoking as they were expected to stand in the same area as smokers. The amendment to the policy proposed that Council staff who vaped could do so anywhere outside the building and did not have to go to the smoking area. Union representatives had been supportive of the proposed amendment.

In response to Members queries, the Director of Corporate Services advised that:

- Managers of buildings would be responsible for ensuring that appropriate arrangements for smoking were made and that staff adhered to the policy.
- Counselling sessions for staff wishing to give up would be held outside of working hours wherever possible.
- The Council had a duty of care to its employees and as a result staff as passengers shouldn't be exposed to vaporisers or cigarettes when travelling in a vehicle on Council business.

RESOLVED that the changes to the no smoking policy be agreed, as attached at Appendix A of the agenda papers.

38. Restructuring in the Assistant Chief Executive's Office

The Director of Corporate Services reported that this report identified the staffing implications arising from the budget proposals 2017/18 which were not part of the wider Transformation Programme.

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to provide Councillor Angell with a breakdown of the figures relating to each redundancy payment, taking into account the multiplier that was applied.

RESOLVED that the Committee;

- i) approved the redundancy of a part time Administrative Assistant post in the Chief Executive's Office, with effect from 31 March 2017, subject to the Council agreeing the budget proposals.
- ii) approved the redundancy under updated terms of an employee who was At Risk under last year's budget changes, currently redeployed in a temporary contract as Performance and Partnerships Officer in the Chief Executive's Office, with effect from the end of his contract on 24 April 2017.

39. Edgbarrow and Sandhurst Sport Centres - Employment Implications

The Committee considered the proposed redundancies arising from the change of usage of Edgbarrow and Sandhurst Sports Centres beyond April 2017.

The Director Of Environment, Culture & Communities reported that there were five redundancies arising as a result of these changes. The Director advised that the transition arrangements were working well and that staff were working with the school to ensure that service users did not suffer as a result of the changes.

Redeployment opportunities were being explored for all affected staff.

Members asked if figures could be provided around the amount of multiplier that was being paid.

RESOLVED that;

- i) approval be given to the deletion of the posts identified in exempt Appendix B with effect from 31 March 2017.

- ii) subject to any redeployment opportunities offered to those affected, the post holders be declared redundant in accordance with the terms set out in the exempt Appendix B with the costs being met from the Structural Changes Fund.

CHAIRMAN