

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**CABINET**

Minutes from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 9th May, 2024 at 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

PRESENT: Councillor T Parish (Chair)
Councillors B Anota, A Beales, M de Whalley, C Morley, S Ring and J Rust

OBSERVING: Councillors Lintern and Nash.

CAB150 **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Moriarty and Squire.

CAB151 **URGENT BUSINESS**

Under Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of key decisions to be made by the Executive at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impracticable due to special urgency, the local authority must obtain the agreement of the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee (Corporate Performance Panel) that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred (Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012)

Notice of this special urgency of a key decision was published in advance of the meeting.

If Cabinet determines that the post of a Chief Executive is necessary then a recommendation must be made at Full Council that this decision be ratified with a motion to suspend the highlighted part of Standing Order 23.2:

23.2 No step shall be taken to **advertise or** fill a vacancy for any post designated as that of a chief officer (as defined in the Local Authority (Standing Orders) Regulations 1993) until such time as the Cabinet has determined whether that post is necessary

The Chair of the Corporate Performance Panel agreed that, in accordance with Standing Order 12.15 that this decision cannot be

called in subject to members of the Corporate Performance Panel being entitled to ask questions at Cabinet under Standing Order 34

CAB152 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

CAB153 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

There was none.

CAB154 **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

Cabinet considered a report which dealt with the appointment of Chief Executive.

As a result of the retirement of the current Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) and in accordance with the Constitution of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Part 4 Standing Orders, section 23: *Staff establishment and the filling of vacancies* Cabinet were asked to consider whether the post of Chief Executive was required and when Council proposes to appoint such a chief officer, the Council should approve the job description and person specification attached to the post.

Councillor Parish explained that arrangements to appoint a Chief Executive were underway, however a formal decision was required by Cabinet and Council to continue with the process.

Councillor Beales indicated his support for the recommendations

RESOLVED: That the post of Chief Executive is required.

RECOMMENDED: The job description and person specification attached to the report at Appendix A is approved.

Reason for Decision: To comply with requirements of the Constitution of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Part 4 Standing Orders, section 23: *Staff establishment and the filling of vacancies*

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm