

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)

HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Lesley Pavitt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION

That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted contains information defined as Exempt in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) introduced her report and advised the meeting on the matters that they were required to consider.

Following debate, the Council resolved to note the advice contained in the report and accordingly to consider afresh the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) previously submitted to the Council meeting on 16th May 2012.

The recommendations contained in the report of 16th May were then put to the vote and were defeated.

5. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE) - FURTHER REPORT

The Council considered a further report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) in relation to the above matter.

Councillor Peter Golds moved, and Councillor David Snowdon seconded, a tabled amendment to the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Joshua Peck moved, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman seconded, a further tabled amendment to the recommendations in the report.

Councillors Golds and Snowdon then withdrew their tabled amendment.

Following debate, the amendment moved by Councillors Peck and Uz-Zaman was put to the vote and was agreed. The substantive motion as amended was also put to the vote and was agreed. Accordingly the Council resolved (inter alia):-

- That the appointment of the Chief Executive will be on a fixed term as an employee and invites the HR Committee to consider and to recommend to full council the appropriate end date of the contract.
- That the HR Committee will appoint a new Appointments Sub Committee to conduct the appointment process in accordance with advice of officers. The Appointments sub committee will be proportionate.
- To continue to have a Chief Executive.
- To appoint Stephen Halsey as Head of Paid Service subject to his agreement to undertake the position until 31 October or until such a time as the Chief Executive starts work, whichever is sooner, to work alongside the Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, and ask the CMT to continue to jointly lead the Council.
- To immediately start the process of recruiting a professional interim to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service).
- That the Human Resources Committee be instructed to convene an Appointments Sub-Committee to undertake a recruitment process with a view to appointing to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) on a fixed term basis.

[**Action by:** Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)
Simon Kilbey, Service Head, Human Resources & Workforce
Development
John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services]

Procedural motion

Councillor Joshua Peck moved, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman seconded, a procedural motion that Procedure Rule 13.1 be suspended to allow an urgent motion to be considered on the subject of the process for recruiting a chief executive. The procedural motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

Urgent motion: Process for recruiting a Chief Executive

Councillor Joshua Peck moved, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman seconded, an urgent motion on the above matter. Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.