



Minutes

Name of meeting	APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
Date and time	30 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Stuart Hutchinson (Chair), Debbie Andre, Michael Lilley, Chris Quirk, Brian Tyndall
Officers	Sarah MacDonald, Helen Miles, Claire Shand
Apologies	Cllr Dave Stewart

13. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Stuart Hutchinson be elected Chairman for the meeting.

14. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman be authorised to sign as a true record a copy of the Minutes once produced.

16. Appointment of the section 151 Officer

Members queried the proportion of the S.151 officer's time from which the IWC benefitted. It was explained that although CW was the s.151 officer, the Council benefitted from the wider finance team in Portsmouth, not just him.

Members queried whether the payment of £63,500 was a continuation of the current payment, or an increase on the previous year. It was explained that the amount was inflated from the initial agreed sum, and that any new agreed amount would provide for an increase in line with inflation.

Members commented that if the Council is going to become more commercialised, generating more income, that the Council may need to consider whether to employ a full time s.151 officer in the future.

It was noted that the current s.151 officer had a good reputation, was innovative and good at bringing in funding and it was believed the Council were getting a good deal. The initial agreement was for 3 years to see how the partnership would work and it was believed to be working well.

In the absence of the S 151 officer there were other financial officers in the office who could provide professional advice and expertise.

Members queried whether there would still be flexibility to get out of the agreement if the Council wished. The Assistant Director of Corporate Services confirmed that the arrangements would be reviewed annually and that there would be a 6-month notice period on either side.

RESOLVED:

To enter into a further strategic partnership with Portsmouth City Council for the provision of a Chief Financial Officer and Section 151 Officer on an ongoing basis, with provision to terminate on notice. The designated officer for this purpose being Mr Chris Ward, and

That the final detail of the Strategic Partnership Agreement be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.

17. **Members' Question Time**

Cllr Lilley asked whether the post of Public Health Director would be considered by the Panel on the retirement of the current Director. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that there was a current review of the service structure and that it was likely to be nearer June that proposals would come forward. A partnership arrangement would be considered as part of the discussion. There would be no need for the replacement post holder to be formally appointed by the Panel as it was not a statutory post, but it would be a Cabinet decision and subject to the Scrutiny Committee.

CHAIRMAN