

Minute

Special General Meeting of the Council

Friday, 23 August 2019, 09:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, James W Stockan, Duncan A Tullock and Kevin F Woodbridge.

Clerk

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.

In Attendance

- Andrew Groundwater, Head of HR and Performance.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer (for Items 1 to 3).
- Helen Budge, Director of Children's Services, Shetland Islands Council (Adviser).

Apologies

- Councillor Graham L Sinclair.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.

Not Present

- Councillor Magnus O Thomson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston, Convener.

1. Disclosure of Exempt Information

The Council noted the proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Items 3 and 4, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

2. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor J Harvey Johnston, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved that the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be considered involved the disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

3. Procedural Briefing

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After hearing a briefing from the Interim Chief Executive on the procedure to date in respect of recruitment to the post of Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing and the procedure to be followed at this meeting, leading up to the offer of employment, the Council:

Suspended Standing Order 52 thereby foregoing the requirement to stand when speaking, which only applied at General Meetings of the Council.

4. Post of Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

The Council **suspended Standing Orders** in order to continue the meeting beyond 17:00.

The Council thereafter resolved that James A Wylie be offered the post of Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

5. Conclusion of Meeting

At 17:17 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston