

## Minute

### Special General Meeting of the Council

Friday, 9 October 2020, 08:30.

New Phoenix Cinema, The Pickaquoy Centre, Kirkwall.



### Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, James W Stockan, Magnus O Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Councillor W Leslie Manson via Microsoft Teams.

### Clerk

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.

### In Attendance

- Andrew Groundwater, Head of HR and Performance.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer (for preliminaries and Items 1 and 2).
- Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council (Adviser).

### Apology

- Councillor Robin W Crichton.

### 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 Chief Executive and the procedure to be followed at this meeting, leading up to the offer of employment, the Council:

Noted:

**3.1.** The procedural briefing from the Interim Chief Executive.

The Council resolved:

**3.2.** To proceed with interviewing the candidates.

## **4. Post of Chief Executive**

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 no appointment to the post of Chief Executive should be made.

**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 19:35 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.