

## **BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor T Munro..... Chair  
Councillor R Turner..... Vice Chair

### **Members:-**

Councillors T Alexander, A Anderson, P Barnes, J E Bennett, R J Bowler, T Cannon, J A Clifton, T J Connerton, C P Cooper, P A Cooper, M G Crane, , M Dixey, M Dooley, S W Fritchley, H J Gilmour, R A Heffer, A Joesbury, D McGregor, C Moesby, T Munro, B R Murray-Carr, S Peake, K Reid, J E Smith, P Smith, E Stevenson, K.F. Walker, B Watson, D Watson and J Wilson

### **Officers:-**

D Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), S Sternberg (Assistant Director of Governance, Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer), and D Cairns (Governance Manager - Acting)

*Before the meeting began, Council observed a minute's silence for the victims and families of those affected by the tragic events at Grenfell Tower and also the terrorist attack that recently took place in Finsbury Park.*

### **0056. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P M Bowmer, G Buxton, J Ritchie, S J Statter and A M Syrett.

### **0057. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business to be considered at this meeting.

### **0058. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

### **0059. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public or members at this meeting.

### **0060. REPORTS ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

There were no special urgency decisions submitted at this meeting.

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### **0061. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Councillor J A Clifton commented that the discussion under the Review of the Constitution at Minute No 0010 of the Annual Council Meeting on the circulation to Members of Delegated Decisions on human resources matters had not been included in the Minutes. The Monitoring Officer advised that the matter was not included in the Constitution which was before the Council to approve, however the action was agreed that Delegated Decisions on human resources matters would still be circulated to Members and this would be noted in the Minutes of this meeting.

Councillor E Stevenson requested her attendance at the Annual Council Meeting be noted.

Moved by Councillor S W Fritchley and seconded by Councillor K Reid.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the amendments mentioned above, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 24 May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0062. MINUTE BOOKS**

Moved by Councillor S W Fritchley and seconded by Councillor K Reid.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as printed in the Minute Books dated 21 June 2017 be noted.

(Governance Manager - Acting)

### **0063. RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

There were no items recommended to this meeting of Council.

### **0064. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised Members that the Member Development Session would be taking place on Thursday 22 June 2017 at 10am and would be covering communication skills and social media.

### **0065. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The following item of business was listed on the agenda to be considered in private session, however Councillor T Munro moved that it be considered in public as there was no exempt information that would be disclosed.

Seconded by Councillor R Turner.

**RESOLVED** That following item of business be considered in public and that the report be made available to the public.

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### **0066. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STATUTORY POST OF SECTION 151 OFFICER**

Council considered a report of the Joint Chief Executive which sought approval for the Joint Assistant Director – Finance & Revenues and Benefits to be designated as Section 151 Officer to the Council on a temporary basis pending the Strategic Alliance Senior Management Team restructure.

Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires all Councils to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and to secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In order to maintain momentum in the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan, it was considered vital that the Council has an experienced individual in position, who would lead the challenging budget setting process.

It was therefore proposed that the Joint Assistant Director – Finance & Revenues and Benefits, who had the necessary qualifications and experience, be designated as Section 151 Officer to the Council on a temporary basis pending the Strategic Alliance Senior Management Team restructure.

Members queried how long the interim arrangements may be in place for and were advised that this would depend on the recruitment process and how long the restructure would take.

**RESOLVED** That Council agrees to the temporary appointment of the Joint Assistant Director – Finance & Revenues and Benefits as the Section 151 Officer from 1 July 2017, pending the completion of the Senior Management Team restructure.

(Joint Chief Executive)

The meeting concluded at 1015 hours.