

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the extraordinary meeting of the Council for the District of Dover held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday 3 November 2010 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors:

B W Bano	T J Bartlett	T A Bond
S S Chandler	N J Collor	M D Conolly
G Cowan	M R Eddy	C M Edwards
A Friend	J H Goodwin	P G Heath
G J Hood	L A Keen	N S Kenton
P S Le Chevalier	S M Le Chevalier	S G Leith
D R Lloyd-Jones	S C Manion	D A Mayes
C J Meredith	K Mills	S R Nicholas
V J Revell	C Rook	F J W Scales
A R Smith	C J Smith	J M Smith
R J Thompson	J F Tranter	R S Walkden
I H Ward	P A Watkins	

Officers:

- Chief Executive
- Director of Business and Community Transformation (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Director of Development and Public Protection (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Director of Finance and ICT (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Director of Governance (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Director of Regeneration (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Solicitor to the Council
- Solicitor (Minute Nos 287-291 only)
- Head of East Kent Human Resources Partnership
- Case Consultant – Employee Relations, East Kent HR Partnership
- Democratic Services Manager
- Democratic Support Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M S Furnival, J A Rook, A F Richardson and D G Smallwood.

### 287 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- To advise that Councillor D G Smallwood had returned home after a stay in hospital and to wish her well.
- To advise Members that Democratic Services would be holding a Prospective Councillor Event on 10 November 2010 at 6.00 pm.
- To congratulate Councillor G Cowan on winning the political speed dating event at this years Local Democracy Day for the second year running and to thank all Members who participated in the event.

- (d) To formally report the sad loss of Councillor R Frayne who had recently passed away. Councillor Frayne had represented the ward of Pineham and later Lydden and Temple Ewell for 11 years and was Vice-Chairman of the Council in 2007/08. Tributes were paid to him for the contribution he had made by the Chairman of the Council and representatives of all Groups on the Council. The Council stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

288 EAST KENT WASTE PROJECT

The Council considered the report of the Director of Property, Leisure and Waste Management.

It was moved by Councillor N S Kenton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2000 and the Regulations made under it, the delegation of executive functions from Shepway District Council and Kent County Council relating to the management of the contract, as detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the report, be accepted.

289 DELIVERING EFFECTIVE SERVICES – SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE DISTRICT

The Council considered the report of the Head of Paid Service.

It was moved by Councillor P A Watkins and duly seconded:

- (a) That the service priorities and standards as outlined at Appendix 1, Section 2 of the report be approved.
- (b) That the Chief Officer (High Level Structure) as outlined at Appendix 1, Section 2 of the report be approved as the succession structure to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2011.
- (c) That it be noted that, subject to external factors such as the uncertainty of the Revenue Support Grant settlement (RSG) which might result in consideration of faster progression, Years 3 and 5 represent indicative structures of where the Council proposes to be.
- (d) That it be noted that the structures and priorities, as contained within the report, inform the development of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).
- (e) That it be noted that the consequential changes to the Constitution would be undertaken with such changes being brought into effect from 1 April 2011.
- (f) That the new Chief Officer posts be appointed subject to competition and the provisions of the Constitution.
- (g) That it be noted that further savings will be identified as a result of the outcomes of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and the remaining uncertainty of the Revenue Support Grant settlement.

An amendment was moved by Councillor P A Watkins and duly seconded:

"This Council explores with Shepway District Council an accelerated programme of management and structural change together with further and quicker joint working and also recognises that the other shared service agenda needs to be accelerated to take into account the financial pressures."

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED and the motion as amended then became the substantive motion.

An amendment was moved by Councillor B W Bano and duly seconded:

"That the Council be given an option appraisal with costings of all the proposals on Page 20 of the report at its next meeting on 1 December 2010."

On being put to the vote the amendment was LOST.

The substantive motion was moved by Councillor P A Watkins, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the service priorities and standards as outlined at section 2 of Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
  - (b) That the Chief Officer (high level structure), as outlined at section 2 of Appendix 1 of the report, as the succession structure to be implemented from 1 April 2011, be approved.
  - (c) That it be recognised that Years 3 and 5 represent indicative structures of where the Council proposes to be, subject to external factors (the uncertainty of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) settlement may result in consideration of faster progression).
  - (d) That it be recognised that the structures and priorities, as contained within the report, inform the development of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
  - (e) That it be recognised that the consequential changes to the Constitution will be undertaken, with such changes being brought into effect from 1 April 2011.
  - (f) That the new Chief Officer posts be appointed, subject to competition and the provisions of the Constitution.
  - (g) That it be recognised that the outcomes of the Comprehensive Spending Review, and remaining uncertainty of the RSG settlement, will result in further savings to be identified.
  - (h) That this Council explores with Shepway District Council an accelerated programme of management and structural change together with further and quicker joint working and also recognises that the other shared service agenda needs to be accelerated to take into account the financial pressures.

290 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

291 DOVER TOWN INVESTMENT ZONE

The Council received presentations from Bond City Limited and Chase & Partners and considered the report of the Director of Regeneration.

It was moved by Councillor F J W Scales, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the Council continue with Bond City Limited as the Council's preferred development partner.
  - (b) That the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Special Projects be authorised to complete an Exclusivity Agreement incorporating specific timescales.
  - (c) That the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Special Projects be authorised to complete the Heads of Terms unless a point of principle is reached which warrants the approval of Cabinet.
  - (d) That a DTIZ Working Group be established to be called at the request of the Director of Regeneration as options emerge.
  - (e) That the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Special Projects report back to Council on the progress of the project within six months.

292 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The Council considered the report of the Head of Paid Service.

It was moved by Councillor P A Watkins, duly seconded and

- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the Director of Finance and ICT be appointed to the post of Director 1 post (Director of Finance).
  - (b) That the Director of Property, Leisure and Waste Management be appointed to the post of Director 3 (Director of Environment and Corporate Assets).
  - (c) That the Director of Governance be appointed to the post of Director 4 (Director of Governance).

- (d) That the Director of Regeneration be appointed to the post of Head of Inward Investment.
- (e) That the vacant post of Director 2 (Director of Community and Development) be ring fenced so as to enable any displaced Director on the current Corporate Management Team to make an application for the post.
- (f) That the appointment of Director 2 be undertaken by the General Purposes Committee.
- (g) That the dismissal of any director on the current Corporate Management Team on the grounds of redundancy arising from the proposals set out in the report be undertaken by the General Purposes Committee with the effective date of termination and associated arrangements to be determined by the Head of Paid Service.
- (h) That any appointments or dismissals consequent upon the implementation of the new establishment shall not take effect until the necessary constitutional amendments have been approved by the Council.

The meeting ended at 8.27 pm.