

Minutes of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor J C Record

Councillors: B W Bano
S S Chandler
G Cowan

Officers: Head of Governance
Head of East Kent Human Resources Partnership
Senior Democratic Support Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C J Smith and P A Watkins.

489 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that, in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council's Procedure Rules, Councillor S S Chandler had been appointed as substitute for Councillor C J Smith.

490 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 28 January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

491 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 item to be considered involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

492 EARLY RELEASE OF PENSION RIGHTS

The Head of East Kent Human Resources Partnership explained the three options available to the Council in respect of early release of pension rights for an officer whose post was redundant and for whom no suitable alternative post had been identified.

RESOLVED: (a) That Option three, as set out in the report of the Head of East Kent Human Resources Partnership, be approved.

(b) That the EK Joint Arrangements Committee and the EK Joint Scrutiny Committee be provided with a summary of lessons learned and a regular performance report on the future financial implications of shared services.

(Councillor B W Bano declared a personal interest for the reason that he was a beneficiary of the KCC Pension Scheme.)

The meeting ended at 4.35 pm.