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Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee will be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Friday 18 September 2009 at 4.00 pm when the following business will be transacted.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Pauline Hodding on (01304) 872305 or by e-mail at paulinehodding@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

General Purposes Committee Membership:

Councillor J C Record (Chairman)
Councillor C J Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor B W Bano Councillor G Cowan Councillor P A Watkins

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To note appointment of Substitute Members.



3. MINUTES (Pages 4-5)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 March 2009.

4. JOINT STAFF CONSULTATIVE FORUM – 15 JULY 2009 MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, to note that there has been a failure to agree on the following proposal made by the staff representatives:

'That it be recommended to Council that, by accepting the 0% Pay Award, staff seek a guarantee that there will be no redundancies this year and that the median quartile pay grading under the Job Evaluation scheme, if adopted, will not be changed.'

On being put to the vote, the Forum failed to agree the recommendation as there was not a majority vote on both sides of the Forum.

5. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Page 6)

The recommendation is attached.

MATTER WHICH THE MANAGEMENT TEAM SUGGESTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE AS THE REPORT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED WITHIN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS INDICATED AND IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE PROPER OFFICER CONSIDERS THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE EXEMPTION OUTWEIGHS THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION

6. **JOB EVALUATION** (Paragraph 4 – Information relating to consultation or negotiations in connection with labour relations)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive (to follow) which has been considered by the Joint Staff Consultative Forum prior to this meeting.

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