

Minutes of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Thursday 21 June 2012 at 2.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor S M Le Chevalier

Councillors: G Cowan
M R Eddy
C J Smith

Officers: Director of Governance
Democratic Support Officer

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M D Conolly.

* 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.

* APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Director of Governance briefed Members on the new Code of Conduct arrangements and the role of the Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011.

The Committee proceeded to conduct interviews with the four candidates who had applied for the positions of Independent Person and Substitute Independent Person.

RESOLVED: (a) That it be recommended to Council that Mr Bernard Dowley be appointed as an Independent Person to discharge the functions ascribed by section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, the appointment to be effective from 1 July 2012 and for a term of 5 years and 1 day.

(b) That it be recommended to Council that Mr Andrew Hayes be appointed as a Substitute Independent Person to discharge the functions ascribed by section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, the appointment to be effective from 1 July 2012 and for a term of 5 years and 1 day.

The meeting ended at 5.00 pm.