

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

EAST KENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, 10th September, 2021
at 9.00 am in Guildhall, St Peter's Place Canterbury**

Present:

Councillor Ashbee
Councillor Bartlett
Councillor Pugh
Councillor Flack

Officers: Peter Davies - Director of Strategy and Improvement
 Josie Newman - Democratic Services Manager
 Estelle Culligan - Director of Law and Democracy

281 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Carnac, Fitter-Harding and Richardson.

282 Substitute Members

Councillor Flack was present as a substitute for Councillor Fitter-Harding.

283 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: Councillor Bartlett (DDC) was elected as Chair for the municipal year and Councillor Fitter-Harding (CCC) was elected as the Vice Chair for the municipal year.

284 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 27 January 2021 were agreed.

285 Declaration of any interests

There were no declarations of interest by councillors or officers.

286 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act or the Freedom of Information Act or both.

287 Appointment relating to East Kent Services

(This item was exempt from publication as it was information relating to individuals as such Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 applied.)

The Chairman drew attention to the supplement for the meeting.

The Director of Law and Democracy (DDC) introduced the report which explained that following the decision taken by all three East Kent Authorities (Canterbury, Thanet and Dover) to disband East Kent Human Resources and take back the majority of services in house, it was necessary to amend the appointment to the Head of Collaborative Services to enable the residual East Kent Human Resources shared services to be delivered.

The Chairman invited debate and the Director of Law and Democracy (DDC) gave points of clarification as necessary. It was then proposed, seconded and when put to a vote agreed that the Committee RESOLVED:

1. To remove Estelle Culligan as Interim Head of Collaborative Services
2. To appoint Louise May as Head of Collaborative Services with effect from 1 September 2021 and authorise her to discharge the functions ascribed to that role in the Administrative Collaboration Agreement made between Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council and Thanet District Council.
3. To appoint Chris Bundell, Director of Finance for Thanet District Council, as Interim Head of Shared Services with immediate effect.

Reason for the decisions: The failure to appoint a Head of Collaborative Services would result in a void in an appointment which would mean the functions delegated by the Councils could not be effectively discharged. The change is necessary to give effect to the changes made within the varied Collaboration Agreement.

288 Any other urgent business to be dealt with in public

There was no urgent business for the meeting.

289 Any other business which falls under the exempt provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 or the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or both

There was no urgent business for the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.09 am