

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the meeting of the PRINCIPAL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL held at East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters, Church Lane, Lewes at 10:00 hours on Wednesday 12 July 2017.

Members Present: Councillors Barnes, Lambert, Scott and Theobald.

Also present: Mr. D. Savage – Treasurer, Mrs V Chart – Assistant Director - HR and Organisational Development, Mr. A. Ghebre-Ghiorghis – Monitoring Officer, Miss E Woodley – Deputy Monitoring Officer and Mrs. K Ward – Clerk.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 It was noted that, in relation to matters on the agenda, no participating Member had any interest under the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct for Members.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

2.1 That Councillor Barnes be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the ensuing year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 There were none.

4. ANY OTHER NON-EXEMPT ITEMS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

4.1 There were none.

5. NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2017

5.1 **RESOLVED** – That subject to deleting Mr D Savage - Treasurer from those present, the non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Copy in Minute Book).

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

6.1 **RESOLVED** – That item no. 7 be exempt under paragraph 1 and item no.8 be exempt under paragraphs 1 & 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and accordingly are not open for public inspection on the grounds that they include information relating to an individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

9. RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OPTIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF FIRE OFFICER & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

9.1 The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Director that sought Members' approval to a recruitment and selection process

and timetable for the appointment of a permanent Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive. The Panel considered that the reasons for putting interim arrangements in place in January were no longer sustainable, and agreed that it was appropriate to commence recruitment for a permanent Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive.

RESOLVED – That:

- i) That the selection, recruitment process and timetable for the post of Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive be approved.; and
- ii) That the interim management arrangements put in place by the Panel at its meeting on 19 January 2017 be extended until 31 January 2018 or the date of the appointment of the new Chief Fire Officer, whichever is the earlier.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 hours.

Signed

Dated this day of 2017