



EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY
PRINCIPAL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL
MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017 at 10.30 hours

MEMBERS

East Sussex County Council (3)

Councillors Barnes, (Chair), Lambert and Scott

Brighton & Hove City Council (1)

Councillor Theobald

Note: Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 shall not apply in respect of this Panel, which shall comprise the Chairman of the Authority, the Leader of each political group (excluding the political group of which the chairman is a member) their Deputies and a seat allocated to the Conservative Group.

The quorum is 3 voting Members.

You are requested to attend this meeting to be held at East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Church Lane, Lewes at 10.30 hours.

AGENDA

9. In relation to matters on the agenda, seek declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct for Members.
10. Apologies for absence.
11. Notification of items which the Chairman considers to be urgent and proposes to take at the end of the agenda/ Chairman's business.

(Any Members wishing to raise urgent items are asked, wherever possible, to notify the Chairman before the start of the meeting. In so doing they must state the special circumstances which they consider justify the matter being considered urgently).

12. Non-confidential minutes of the last Principal Officers Appointments Panel held on 12 July 2017 (Copy attached).

13. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

To consider whether, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

NOTE: Any item appearing in the confidential part of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is confidential and therefore not available to the public.

14. Confidential minutes of the last Principal Officers' Appointments Panel held on 12 July 2017. (Exempt category under paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) (Copy Attached).

15. Principal Officer Pay Review – report of the Monitoring Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Director – HR & Organisational Development. (Copy attached). (Exempt categories under paragraph 4 of Part 1 schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

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East Sussex Fire Authority
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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