

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 13 September 2024.

PRESENT

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (in the Chair)

Mr. R. Ashman CC  
Mr. L. Breckon JP CC  
Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC  
Mr J. Poland CC

Mrs. C. M. Radford CC  
Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC  
Mrs D. Taylor CC

Apologies

In attendance

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2024 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

10. Question Time.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 35.

11. Questions asked under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

12. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

13. Declarations of interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

14. Appointment of Independent Persons

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources regarding the appointment of Independent Persons to support the Member Conduct Complaints Process as required under Section 28(7) of the Localism

Act 2011 and to support the procedures for dealing with the dismissal of the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, as required by the Local Authorities (Standing Order) England Regulations 2001 (as amended). A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 6' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the County Council be recommended to appoint Richard Gough, Gordon Grimes, Surinder Sharma, Pamela Roberts, John Pilgrim and Kimberley Kingsley, to serve as Independent Persons for a term of four years ending on 30 September 2024;
- (b) That Ms T Herring and Ms H Kotecha be thanked for their valuable work in supporting the Monitoring Officer in the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct complaints process over the last four years.

15. Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

- Charitable Trust Future Arrangements

16. Charitable Trust Future Arrangements

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance which provided an update to the Committee sitting as Trustee on the progress in the transition of the Educational Trusts of which the County Council was the sole corporate Trustee. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 9' is filed with these minutes.

The report was not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the position in relation Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation Leicestershire Educational Trust Fund, and the ongoing discussions relating to the Kibworth Beauchamp High School Foundation be noted;
- (b) That the proposed transfers of the Hinckley John Cleveland Prize and Hinckley John Cleveland Scholarship Fund, the Mary Smith Scholarship Fund, the Piercy Scholarship Fund and the Thompson Trust, subject to Charity Commission approval in all cases, be supported;
- a) That the transfer of the land forming the Charitable Foundation of Edward Sherrier at Lutterworth and Shadwell to the Leicester Diocesan Board of Education subject to appropriate indemnities being granted, be approved.

- b) That the guidance issued by the Commission and request the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of Corporate Resources to review the governance checklist and report back to the Committee be noted.

1.00 - 1.20 pm  
13 September 2024

CHAIRMAN