

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joint Governance Sub-Committee of
Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils**

Worthing Room, Town Hall, Worthing

Monday 17 October 2016

Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes (Chairman)

Adur District Council:

*Councillor George Barton

Councillor Jim Funnell

Councillor Paul Graysmark

Worthing Borough Council:

*Councillor Paul Yallop

Councillor Mark Withers

*Absent

JGSC/16-17/001 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paul Baker substituted for Councillor Paul Yallop.

JGSC/16-17/002 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

JGSC/16-17/003 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items raised.

JGSC/16-17/004 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting from the following item of business on the grounds that the item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A to the Act.

JGC/16-17/005 Appointment of Independent Persons for Standards Purposes

Before the Committee was an exempt information report by the Director for Communities and the Director for Digital and Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members.

The report requested that the sub-committee consider applications for the role of Independent Persons for the purposes of Standards and make recommendations to Council in regards to the appointments.

It was noted that the Councils were statutorily obliged to appoint at least one Independent Person, and that such persons would be co-opted non-voting Members of the Joint Governance Committee.

Resolved,

That the Joint Governance Sub-Committee:-

- 6.1 interviewed the candidates and recommended to both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council the appointment of three Independent Persons, namely, Susan Clark, John Todd and Simon Norris-Jones;
- 6.2 recommended to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council that the Independent Persons be appointed for a term of four years and for a maximum of 2 terms only (8 years), subject to the Full Councils being able to de-select an Independent Person on reasonable grounds;
- 6.3 agreed that the Monitoring Officer carry out an informal review with each Independent Person at the end of the first year, to assess whether or not they are willing to continue in the role.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8.00pm, it having commenced at 6:30pm.

Chairman