

Minutes of a meeting of the  
Joint Governance Sub-Committee  
10 December 2020  
at 6.30 pm

Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Kevin Boram
Councillor Mike Barrett	*Councillor Brian Coomber
Councillor Kevin Boram	Councillor Debs Stainforth
Councillor Steve Wills	Councillor Steve Wills

**\*Absent**

**JGCSC/1419-20      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**JGCSC/1519-20      Public Question Time**

There were no questions from the public.

**JGCSC/1619-20      Items Raised under Urgency Provisions**

There were no urgent items raised.

**JGCSC/1719-20      Exclusion of the 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.

**JGCSC/1819-20      Appointment of Independent Persons for Standards Purposes**

Before the Committee was an exempt information report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability 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:-

- 1) recommended to both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council the appointment of two Independent Persons to act on behalf of both authorities, namely, John Bateman and Lindsay Viljoen;
- 2) recommended to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council that the Independent Persons be appointed for a term of four years from the 1st January 2021, subject to the Full Councils being able to deselect an Independent Person on reasonable grounds;
- 3) recommended to the Member Officer Working Group that the Joint Governance Committee hold a formal meeting with the Independent Persons on at least an annual basis to discuss their experience, observations, recommendations and feedback to the Committee from their roles.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 10.07pm, it having commenced at 6:30pm.

Chairman

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