

Minutes of Cabinet

**Wednesday 1 June at 3.00pm
at Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House**

Present: Councillor Carmichael (Chair)
Councillors Ahmed, Hackett, Hartwell, Hughes, Millard,
Padda, Piper and Rollins.

In attendance: Councillors Fenton, Moore and Shackleton.

Also present: Kim Bromley-Derry (Managing Director Commissioner),
Simone Hines (Director of Finance),
Surjit Tour (Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring
Officer),
Elaine Newsome (Service Manager – Democracy),
Mateusz Sliwinski (Democratic Services Officer)

113/22 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E M Giles and Simms.

114/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

115/22 **Additional Item of Business**

There were no additional items of business to consider.



116/22 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to any individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

117/22 **Restructure of Financial Services**

Cabinet considered a report on proposals to restructure the Council's Financial Services.

Reason for Decision

An efficient and effective Financial Services structure was crucial in ensuring the Council had robust financial management arrangements and could set and monitor budgets effectively, ensuring good stewardship of public funds.

Alternative Options Considered and Discounted

To not agree to the termination costs and ask for the structure to be reconsidered. This would delay the ability to address the recommendations in the CIPFA, Grant Thornton and LGA reports and the actions in the Corporate Improvement Plan.

Agreed:-

- (1) that the Director of Finance be authorised to implement the restructure of the Financial Services section, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted;
- (2) that the termination costs associated with the restructure of Financial Services be approved.

Meeting ended at 3.09pm.

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