

Emergency Committee

Wednesday 22 July 2020 at 14:00 at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor M Crompton (Chair);
Councillors Ali, Crompton, Hadley, Millard, and
Shaeen.

Officers: David Stevens (Chief Executive); Surjit Tour
(Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring
Officer); Elaine Newsome (Service Manager –
Democracy) and Suky Suthi-Nagra (Democratic
Services Manager).

48/20 **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

49/20 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared at the meeting.

50/20 **Additional Item of Business – Membership of the Emergency Committee/Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee**

It was reported that, due to his recent appointment to the Cabinet, Councillor Singh was no longer eligible to sit on the Emergency Committee and there was therefore a vacancy, which needed to be filled by a scrutiny chair.

Similarly, due to changes throughout the municipal year, there were now three vacancies on the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee. The Committee was therefore requested to fill the vacancies, drawing from the Cabinet, Chairs and Vice Chairs.



Emergency Committee – 22 July, 2020

Agreed:-

- (1) that Councillor Moore (Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Committee) is appointed to the Emergency Committee;
- (2) that Councillors Singh (Cabinet Member for Skills and Employment); Bostan (Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee) and Underhill (Cabinet Member for Best Start in Life) are appointed to the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee.

51/20

Programme of Committee Meetings

The Committee was asked to consider a programme of meetings for the remainder of the 2020/2021 municipal year.

Since the national lockdown, the Council had been hosting meetings via a software platform to enable elected members to attend and participate in a reduced programme of meetings, in line with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the Remote Committee Regulations") which had come into force on 4th April 2020. The software had now been successfully deployed to all members of the Council and it was recommended that a full programme of meetings be agreed for the remainder of the municipal year.

Agreed that the Programme of meetings set out in the Appendix, is approved.

Meeting ended at 14.08.

This meeting was webcast live and is available to view [here](#).