

# Minutes of The Cabinet

**Friday 19 March at 3.30pm  
Virtual Online Meeting**

**Present:** Councillor Crompton (Chair);  
Councillors Ali, Millard, Padda, Shaeen, Singh, Taylor and Underhill.

**Also present:** Cllrs E M Giles, L Giles, Moore, Preece and Rollins.

**Officers:** David Stevens (Chief Executive), Lesley Hagger (Executive Director – Children’s Services), Rebecca Maher (Acting Section 151 Officer), Sue Stanhope (Interim Director – Human Resources), Neil Cox (Director – Business Strategy and Change), Katharine Willmette (Interim Director of Adult Social Care), Chris Ward (Director – Education, Skills and Employment), Lisa McNally (Director – Public Health), Surjit Tour (Director - Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer), Elaine Newsome (Service Manager – Democracy), Suky Suthi-Nagra (Democratic Services Manager) and Stephnie Hancock (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

## 83/21 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allcock.



## 84/21 **Declarations of Interest**

Upon seeking legal advice and in order to promote openness and transparency, Councillor Ali advised that he would not be taking part in the discussions and would be excluding himself from the meeting.

Councillors Moore and Preece declared that they were members of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

## 85/21 **Additional Items of Business**

There were no additional items of business to consider.

## 86/21 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**Agreed** 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 the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information and information relating to any individual or which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

## 87/21 **Recommendations from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**

It was reported that a matter had been brought to the attention of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee on 18 March 2021, and due to the nature and urgency around it, the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee had felt that it should also be considered by the Cabinet in so far as it related to the executive. However, the Committee had been unable to consider the matter in its entirety.



The Deputy Leader was therefore minded to adjourn the meeting of the Cabinet and would reconvene at the earliest opportunity once the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee had concluded their findings.

### **Reason for Decision**

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee had felt that it should also be considered by the Cabinet in so far as it related to the executive.

Meeting adjourned at 4.10pm

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Meeting reconvened on **Monday 24 May 2021 at 3.11pm at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

- Present:** Councillor Crompton (Chair);  
Councillors Ali, Millard, Padda, Shaeen and Taylor.
- Also present:** Cllrs E M Giles and L Giles.
- Apologies:** Councillors Moore, Rollins and Singh.
- Officers:** David Stevens (Chief Executive), Surjit Tour (Director - Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer), Elaine Newsome (Service Manager – Democracy), Suky Suthi-Nagra (Democratic Services Manager) and Stephnie Hancock (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Further to Minute No. 87/21, members were informed that the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee had met on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and had passed resolutions in relation to this matter.



Whilst there was no specific resolution referred to the Cabinet for consideration, the Committee had asked that the Cabinet be made aware of its specific resolutions.

The Cabinet noted the resolutions of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

Meeting closed at 3.28pm

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