

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Procurement Committee held at 11.00 am
on Tuesday, 7 June 2022

Present:

Members: Councillor R Lakha (Chair)
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor J Blundell
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor A Hopkins (Substitute for Councillor M Ali)
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor R Singh (Substitute for Councillor B Singh)

Employees (by Service):

Human Resources S Newing (Director of Human Resources)

Law and Governance M Salmon

Apologies: Councillor M Ali
Councillor B Singh (Deputy Chair)

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the Cabinet agrees to exclude the press and public under Sections 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the private report in Minute 4 below headed ‘Consideration of Approval of Severance Package’ on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as it contains information relating to the financial affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) and in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(Note: Councillor J Blundell and Councillor T Sawdon voted against the Exclusion of the Press and Public and asked that this be recorded.)

3. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

There were no other items of public business.

4. Consideration of Approval of Severance Package

The Audit and Procurement Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance that sought approval of a severance package for an employee of the Council which each exceeded £100,000.

Part 21, paragraph 8.5, of the Council's constitution required that any severance package for an employee of the Council of £100,000 or over should be determined by the Audit and Procurement Committee. The calculation of the value of an exit package included the costs to the Authority, as well as payments / benefits to the employee.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Procurement Committee:

- 1) Approves the severance payment on early retirement as calculated.**
- 2) Requests that a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1), with Members of the Audit and Procurement Committee invited, be arranged to review the Council's Policy relating to trade union facility time.**

5. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 11.40 am)