

# Employment and Appeals Panel

Wednesday, 23rd July, 2014  
at 2.00 pm

## **PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING**

Conference Room 3 - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

### **Members**

Councillor McEwing (Chair)  
Councillor B Harris (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Chamberlain  
Councillor Noon  
Councillor White  
Councillor Whitbread  
Councillor Vasiliou

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### **Role of the Employment and Appeals Panel**

**The Panel** is responsible in general terms for determining appeals against decisions of the Council, other than where the matter falls within the terms of reference of another Panel, including in particular appeals arising from a decision: -

### **The Panel also**

- deals with all matters relating to hearings and determination of any employee grievance or appeal under the Council's disciplinary, grievance, dismissal and other employee relations procedure.
- has power to appoint staff and to determine the terms and conditions on which staff hold office.
- is responsible for functions relating to local government pensions etc.

### **Southampton City Council's Priorities:**

- **Economic:** Promoting Southampton and attracting investment; raising ambitions and improving outcomes for children and young people.
- **Social:** Improving health and keeping people safe; helping individuals and communities to work together and help themselves.
- **Environmental:** Encouraging new house building and improving existing homes; making the city more attractive and sustainable.
- **One Council:** Developing an engaged, skilled and motivated workforce; implementing better ways of working to manage reduced budgets and increased demand.

### **Public Representations**

At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may address the meeting about any report on the agenda for the meeting in which they have a relevant interest.

**Smoking policy** – the Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

**Mobile Telephones** – please turn off your mobile telephone whilst in the meeting.

**Fire Procedure** – in the event of a fire or other emergency a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

**Access** – access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Democratic Support Officer who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

### **Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year 2014/15:**

<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> January
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> February
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> March
13 <sup>th</sup> August	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
24 <sup>th</sup> September	
15 <sup>th</sup> October	
5 <sup>th</sup> November	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	
17 <sup>th</sup> December	

## CONDUCT OF MEETING

### Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of the Panel are contained in the Council's Constitution.

### Business to be discussed

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

### Rules of Procedure

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

### Quorum

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

## DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

### DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

(i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

(iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

(v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

(vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or

b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

## **Other Interests**

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

## **Principles of Decision Making**

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

## AGENDA

Agendas and papers are available via the City Council's website

### **1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

### **2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

### **3 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

### **5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Chair to move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of the following item based on Categories 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

The information contained therein is potentially exempt as it relates to individual personal details and information held under the Data Protection Act 1998. Having applied the public interest test it is not appropriate to disclose this information as the individuals' legal expectation of privacy outweighs the public interest in the exempt information.

### **6 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEAL**

Confidential report of the Transport Co-ordination Manager seeking the Panel's consideration in regard to an Appeal for School Transport, attached.

Tuesday, 15 July 2014

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS PANEL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2014

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Present: Councillors Chamberlain, B Harris (Vice-Chair), Noon, Whitbread and White  
Apologies: Councillors McEwing and Vassiliou

COUNCILLOR B HARRIS IN THE CHAIR

7. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of the confidential items below.

This is based on Categories 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The information contained therein is potentially exempt as it relates to individual personal details and information held under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Having applied the public interest test it is not appropriate to disclose this information as the individual's legal expectation of privacy outweighs the public interest in the exempt information.

9. **REDUNDANCY AND/OR PREMATURE RETIREMENT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL STAFF AT WOODLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Panel considered the confidential report of the Head Teacher on behalf of Governing Body for Woodlands Community College seeking approval in 4 specific cases, for the costs of redundancies to be met by central Council funds.

The Panel considered the decision in confidential session in accordance with Categories 1, 2 and 3 of Paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the current policy had been correctly applied in reaching the individual calculations set out in the confidential Appendix 1 (a to d); and
- (ii) that the individual payments from the central budget in accordance with the Council's statutory duty to make payment be authorised for the individuals detailed in Appendix 1.

10. **REDUNDANCY AND/OR PREMATURE RETIREMENT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL STAFF AT REDBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

The Panel considered the confidential report of the Head Teacher on behalf of Governing Body for Redbridge Community College seeking approval in 5 specific cases, for the costs of the settlement agreements and redundancies to be met by central Council funds.

The Panel considered the decision in confidential session in accordance with Categories 1, 2 and 3 of Paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That, subject to the calculations being confirmed, the current policy had been correctly applied in reaching the individual calculations set out in the confidential Appendix 1; and
- (ii) that the individual payments from the central budget in accordance with the Council's statutory duty to make payment be authorised for the individuals detailed in Appendix 1. And that in the case of 4 of the individuals this included the settlement agreements.



# Agenda Item 6

by virtue of paragraph number 1, 2, 3 of the Council's Access to information Procedure Rules

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