

At a meeting of the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Smith in the Chair

Councillors Allan, M. Forbes, J. Walton, Trueman, S. Watson and A. Wilson.

Part I

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Gofton, P. Watson, A. Wright and T. Wright.

Receipt of Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Report of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee

The report of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 25th February, 2010, Part I (circulated) was submitted and consideration given thereto.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the report of the meeting be noted, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Designation of Scrutiny Officer

The Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development submitted a report (circulated) to consider a proposal in relation to the designation of the position of Scrutiny Officer.

Members of the Committee were advised that the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act received Royal Assent on 12th November, 2009. The Act sought to create greater opportunities for local people to become involved in local decision making and in shaping local services and to give greater responsibility to local authorities to promote economic development, helping communities respond to local challenges.

As these new legislative changes would help strengthen the ongoing development work of Scrutiny within Sunderland it was proposed that the current Head of Overview and Scrutiny should be designated as the Scrutiny Officer in accordance with the provisions of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. Members were reminded that there were no financial implications associated with the proposal.

It was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Head of Overview and Scrutiny, Charlotte Burnham, be appointed as Scrutiny Officer under Section 31 of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, effective from 1st April, 2010.

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006

At the instance of the Chairman, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it is considered to involve a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual or information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the Authority and its employees (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4).

(Signed) M. SMITH,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.