

STAFFING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2025

Present: Cllrs Simon Clifford, Jill Haynes, Nick Ireland, Andrew Parry and Ben Wilson

Apologies: Cllrs

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer) and Megan Rochester (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. Election of Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Andrew Parry seconded by Cllr Simon Clifford.

Decision: That Cllr Nick Ireland be elected the Chair for the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

4. Exempt Business

It was proposed by Cllr Jill Haynes and seconded by Cllr Simon Clifford.

Decision: That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraphs 1 & 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

5. Interim Arrangements for Senior leadership Team

It was agreed that the interim appointment was a logical progression, with the individual demonstrating strong capability. Whilst workload concerns were noted, the interim role was considered appropriate, and support would have been in place.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Simon Clifford and seconded by Cllr Ben Wilson and unanimously agreed, that:

- (a) With effect from 1 September 2025, Sean Cremer be designated the Council's interim S151 officer and as the interim administrator for the Local Government Pension Scheme in Dorset.
- (b) That after consultation with all political group leaders the Chief Executive be asked to make recommendations about the future structure of the officer senior leadership team, for consideration by a future meeting of the Staffing Committee.

Duration of meeting: 5.00 - 5.08 pm

Chairman

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