

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee Wednesday, 24 May 2006 Municipal Building.

Present: Councillors Gilligan, McInerney, Polhill, Redhead and Whittaker

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Cross

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Tony McDermott

Officers present: D Parr, D Terris and L Cairns

ITEM DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

APC1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2005, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- (1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) whether the disclosure of information was

Action

in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information will be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC2 REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Children and Young People outlining a number of proposed changes to the Children and Young People Directorate in order to deliver improved outcomes for children and young people in line with the “Every Child Matters” agenda.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed new arrangements for the Children and Young People Directorate to deliver better outcomes for children and young people through the integration of Children’s Services be agreed;
- (2) the posts of Operational Directors:
 - Children’s Social Care Services;
 - School Support and Advisory Service;
 - Student Services and Lifelong Learning; and
 - Integration and Partnership (Temporary)

be dis-established;

Strategic
Director –
Children and
Young People

- (3) the posts of Operational Directors:
- Learning and School Improvement;
 - Community Services;
 - Vulnerable Children; and
 - Business Planning and Resources
- be established;
- (4) one additional Divisional Manager post be established;
- (5) the proposals form the subject of a consultation process with staff, unions, schools and other partners;
- (6) a new generic Operational Director job description be agreed as outlined in Appendix A of the report and revised contracts be issued to the two existing Operational Directors within the Directorate, and the necessary recruitment to fill the two vacant posts be undertaken in accordance with existing Council procedure;
- (7) a new generic Divisional Manager job description be agreed as outlined in Appendix B of the report and revised contracts be issued to the existing Divisional Managers within the Directorate, and the necessary recruitment to fill vacant posts be undertaken in accordance with existing Council procedure; and
- (8) the Strategic Director – Children and Young People, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Executive Board Member for Children and Young People, take all other steps as required to implement the new arrangements without delay.

Meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.