

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH at 10.30am on Tuesday 26 February 2019

Present:

Councillor

D Madden (Chairman)

S Barker

M Mackrory

G Mohindra (Substitute for Councillor D Finch)

The following officers were present in support throughout the meeting:

Gemma Bint Democratic Services Officer

Paul Turner Director, Legal and Assurance

Election of Chairman for the duration of the meeting

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Committee appointed Councillor D Madden as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations of Interest was received and it was noted:

1. There had been no changes in membership since the Committee's last meeting;
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Kevin Bentley and Cllr David Finch, for whom Cllr Gagan Mohindra was substituting.
3. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Officer Foreign Travel to Nice (FTC/04/19)

The Committee considered report FTC/04/19 requesting approval for Helen Wall, SEND Operations Lead to travel to Nice to attend the World Appreciative Inquiry Conference 2019 between 19 - 22 March 2019.

Members of the committee stated that in future they would like senior attendance at the meeting to provide further information and to support each application.

Resolved:

That travel by Helen Wall (SEND Operations Lead) to Nice to attend the World Appreciative Inquiry Conference 2019 between 19 - 22 March 2019 at a total estimated cost of £1,040 be approved.

4. Officer Foreign Travel to Brussels (FTC/05/19)

The Committee confirmed that report FTC/05/19 was approved by email by Members of this Committee for Dominic Collins to travel to Brussels on the 01 March to formally close the staff consultation at the Brussels office. The total cost of the trip would be £163.

Resolved:

It was agreed that Dominic Collins could travel to Brussels on 01 March 2019 to formally close the staff consultation at the Brussels office, at a total cost of £163.

5. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 10.15am, or on the rise of the Cabinet meeting due to take place that morning, whichever is the later.

6. Urgent Business

The Chairman agreed to consideration of the following item of urgent business, on the grounds that a report was received after the despatch of the agenda for the meeting and is for travel in advance of the next meeting of this Committee.

Officer Foreign Travel to the Netherlands (FTC/06/19)

The Committee considered report FTC/06/19 requesting approval for three officers (Luciana de Almeida, Commercial and Project Development Officer, Tom Day, Head of Commercial Development and Aaron Goldie-McSorely, Low Carbon Business Officer) to travel to the Netherlands to attend a meeting in connection with an EU-funded project called "Empower 2.0" – Enabling More People's Ownership in Energy Production between 7 – 8 March 2019.

Members noted that the travel costs will be fully funded by the EU grant.

Members raised a concern regarding the three electric taxis listed on the application, it was not clear why officers couldn't go by public transport or share a taxi. Members stated again that the officer should be in attendance to explain the application in further detail to the committee.

Resolved:

That travel by three officers to the Netherlands to attend a meeting which relates to the EU-funded project called "Empower 2.0" – Enabling More People's Ownership in Energy Production between 7 - 8 March 2019 be approved.

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Chairman

18 June 2019