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Appointments Committee

8 July 2010, 10.30am

Council Chamber, The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester

Present: Brigadier P Jones CBE (Chair), Mrs P A Andrews, Mr T J Bean, Mr J H R Goodwin, Mr G C Yarranton.

7. Apologies for Absence

Mrs L. Duffy, Mr S J Clee, Mr D W Prodger MBE, Mr K Taylor, Mr R Udall.

8. Named Substitutes

None

9. Declaration of Interests

None

10. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 29 April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11. Exclusion of Public and Press

The Clerk to the Authority recommended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of item number 6: "*Terms and Conditions of Employment*" on the grounds that if they were present during such consideration it was likely that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100 (I) and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 i.e. it was likely that information relating to any individual would be disclosed and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosure. The Clerk explained that a public report would be published at the conclusion of the matter.

A representative of the Press was given permission by the Chairman to address the Committee. The Press representative stated that the meeting should take place in public session for the following reasons:

- meeting in private opened the Authority up to criticism by the public;
- elected members should be seen to represent their constituents; and

- the affair was likely to take longer to be resolved if meetings continued to take place in private session.

The Clerk responded that meeting in the public arena would not bring the issue to a close any quicker than if the meeting took place in private session, as recommended.

Cllr Tom Bean moved to exclude the public and press. Cllr Gordon Yarranton seconded the motion.

RESOLVED that the public and the press be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration by the Committee of Item number 6: "Update on Notice Provisions".

12. Update on Notice Provisions

The Deputy Monitoring Officer, Mrs Anne Brown presented her report to the Committee.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to Anne Brown acting as Deputy Monitoring Officer to the Authority in consultation with the Chairman of the Appointments Committee to further extend the notice period as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

The meeting ended at 10:55 am

Signed:..... Date:.....

Chairman