

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

4TH MARCH, 2010

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE was held at the MANSION HOUSE, DONCASTER on THURSDAY 4TH MARCH, 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor Moira Hood
Vice-Chair – Councillor Bob Ford

Councillors Kevin Abell, Paul Bissett, Marilyn Green, Ken Keegan and Ray Mullis.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Davies, Mayor of Doncaster and Councillors Ken Knight and Bill Mordue.

11. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

12. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND RETURNING OFFICER

Members considered a report which sought the Committee's views with regard to making an appointment to the roles of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, for subsequent recommendation to the Full Council.

In presenting the report, the Director of People and Performance Improvement explained that as a consequence of the departure of Paul Hart, the former Chief Executive and Electoral Registration Officer/Returning Officer, there was a need for this Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Council on an appointment to the roles of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer as required by statute, prior to the forthcoming Elections in May 2010.

Members noted that the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service carried the responsibility to act as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer and this duty was reflected in the agreed job description for the post.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Council that the Council's Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Timothy Leader, be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer.