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## EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 from 6.00 pm - 6.15 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Monique Bonney, Alan Horton, Ben J Martin, Richard Palmer, David Simmons and Roger Truelove (Chairman).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Billy Attaway, David Clifford, Jo Millard and Larissa Reed.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (REMOTELY):** Councillors Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor, Tim Gibson, Carole Jackson, Elliott Jayes and Hannah Perkin,

### 191 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

**Resolved:**

***(1) That Councillor Roger Truelove, Leader of the Council, be elected Chairman of the Emergency Committee.***

### 192 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

### 193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### 194 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved:**

***(1) That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any individual.***

### 195 DESIGNATION OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

The Chairman explained that the new post of Director of Resources would include the Section 151 Officer role. The Director of Resources had been agreed by the recent Appointments Sub-Committee and the Section 151 Officer role had to be agreed by members of the Emergency Committee.

The Chairman proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Alan Horton.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That Lisa Fillery be designated as the Section 151 Officer upon commencement of her employment with Swale Borough Council.**

**196 WAIVER OF THE SIX-MONTH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RULE**

The Chairman introduced the report which sought agreement to approve health grounds as a reason under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, for not requiring three councillors to attend a meeting of the Council within six months of their last attendance.

The Chairman proposed the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor Alan Horton.

In the debate that followed, Members noted that a report of their decisions would need to be taken to the next Full Council meeting for information.

**Resolved:**

**(1) To approve health grounds as an appropriate reason to waive the requirement under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Councillor Roger Clark to attend a Council meeting within six months of his last attendance. This approval would be valid for a period of six months from the date of the Emergency Committee meeting, and might if appropriate be renewed for a further term during that period.**

**(2) To approve health grounds as an appropriate reason to waive the requirement under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, for Councillor Mini Nissanga to attend a Council meeting within six months of her last attendance. This approval would be valid for a period of six months from the date of the Emergency Committee meeting, and might if appropriate be renewed for a further term during that period.**

**(3) To approve health grounds as an appropriate reason to waive the requirement under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, for Councillor Bill Tatton to attend a Council meeting within six months of his last attendance. This approval would be valid for a period of six months from the date of the Emergency Committee meeting, and might if appropriate be renewed for a further term during that period.**

Chairman

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