

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Membership

7 members of the authority, politically-balanced in line with usual proportionality rules. In addition the relevant member of the Executive will be invited to attend meetings ex officio in a non-voting capacity (they will count towards the quorum). When the Committee is discharging functions relating to discipline and dismissals one or more voting members of the Committee will be substituted with a member(s) of the Executive.

Overview

The role of the committee primarily relates to the employment and remuneration of chief officers and deputy chief officers. Full Council has delegated to the Committee the power to determine the terms and conditions on which employees hold office including procedures for their dismissal (s.112 Local Government Act 1972) and functions relating to local government pensions (regulations under s.7, 12 and 24 Superannuation Act 1972). The relevant member of the Executive will be an ex officio (non-voting) member of the Committee.

Functions

Full Council has delegated the following functions to the Human Resources Committee to be discharged in accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules:

1. Conduct and capability

- Consider any allegations/complaints regarding conduct or cases of capability (performance or health) in relation to chief officers and deputy chief officers, having regard to the model procedures and associated guidance of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Executives/Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities as appropriate. Where necessary to take action up to and including dismissal, except in relation to the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer, where the Committee may recommend dismissal to full Council.
- The suspension of the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer is delegated to the Chair of the Committee; the suspension of other chief officers and deputy chief officers is delegated to the Head of Paid Service.

2. Dismissals

- Determine any proposal to dismiss a chief officer or deputy chief officer on grounds of redundancy or some other substantial reason or the expiry of a fixed

term contract where the authority has committed to renew it, except in relation to the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer where the Committee may recommend dismissal to full Council.

- Determine the preferred option(s) for resolution and parameters of any negotiation that may lead to a severance payment to the Head of Paid Service or a JNC Chief Officer.

3. Grievances

- Hear and determine any grievance submitted by the Head of Paid Service provided that it has been referred by the Monitoring Officer.
- Hear and determine any grievance submitted by an employee against the Head of Paid Service where referred by the Monitoring Officer or Director Workforce and Change.

4. Terms and conditions of employment including remuneration

- Set the terms and conditions of employment including remuneration for chief officers and deputy chief officers.
- Consider and make recommendations to full Council in relation to the Pay Policy Statement. (The Mayor should be involved and due regard given to any proposals he may have before the statement is considered and approved by full Council).
- Agree with the senior coroner the amount of their salary.

5. Other matters

- Consider proposals for major organisational change affecting chief officers or deputy chief officers.
- Monitor the development and implementation of the Council's Organisational Improvement Plan.
- Hear and determine any collective dispute where referred by the Director Workforce and Change.
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