

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Executive Summary

This report deals with the resignation of the Council's Chief Executive, Julie Fisher as director of a number of Council companies. The Chief Executive has exercised the powers under Part 3, Section 3, Rule 4.4 of the Council's Constitution and appointed Colin Taylor as director of the same companies to provide strategic oversight, skills and knowledge advantageous to the Board.

Recommendations

The Council is requested to:

RESOLVE That

- (i) the resignation of Julie Fisher as director of the companies outlined in Section 2.1 of the report with effect from 4th July 2023 be noted; and
- (ii) the appointment of Colin Taylor as director of the companies outlined in Section 2.2 of the report with effect from 5th July 2023 be noted.

Background Papers:	None.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Following the issuance of the S114 report and consequent increasing concerns about the conflict of interest between the dual roles of Council Chief Executive and director of the group companies outlined at point 2.1, below, the Chief Executive resigned with effect from 4th July 2023.
- 1.2 The Chief Executive exercised her power under Part 3, Section 3, Rule 4.4 of the Council's Constitution to appoint Colin Taylor as director of the group companies outlined at point 2.2, below, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, who is also the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, and the Commissioners.
- 1.3 Colin Taylor was assessed and selected from a field of external independent candidates and is an experienced commercial consultant with local authority experience. His skillset is well suited to helping organisations focus on vital commercial capabilities including income generation, improved cost awareness and management, commercially driven procurement, and sophisticated commercial operations.

2.0 Directorships of Group Companies

- 2.1 The Chief Executive, Julie Fisher, resigned on 4th July 2023 from the Board of the following companies:

Thameswey Limited
Thameswey Developments Limited
Thameswey Housing Limited
Thameswey Guest Houses Limited
Thameswey Energy Limited
Thameswey Central Milton Keynes Limited
Thameswey Solar Limited
Thameswey Sustainable Communities Limited
Thameswey Maintenance Services Limited
Energy Centre for Sustainable Communities Limited
Rutland (Woking) Limited
Rutland Woking (Carthouse Lane) Limited
Rutland Woking (Residential) Limited
Brookwood Cemetery Limited
Brookwood Park Limited
Woking Necropolis and Mausoleum Limited
Victoria Square Woking Limited
Victoria Square Residential Limited
VSW Hotel Limited

- 2.2 Colin Taylor was appointed on 5th July 2023 to the Board of the following companies:

Thameswey Limited
Thameswey Developments Limited
Thameswey Housing Limited
Thameswey Guest Houses Limited
Thameswey Energy Limited
Thameswey Central Milton Keynes Limited
Thameswey Solar Limited
Thameswey Sustainable Communities Limited
Thameswey Maintenance Services Limited
Energy Centre for Sustainable Communities Limited
Rutland (Woking) Limited
Rutland Woking (Carthouse Lane) Limited

Rutland Woking (Residential) Limited
Brookwood Cemetery Limited
Brookwood Park Limited
Woking Necropolis and Mausoleum Limited
Victoria Square Woking Limited
Victoria Square Residential Limited
VSW Hotel Limited

3.0 Corporate Strategy

3.1 The appointment to the Board of the group companies shall ensure adequate oversight and direction.

4.0 Implications

Finance and Risk

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

Equalities and Human Resources

4.2 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

Legal

4.3 Appointments to the Boards shall ensure that the Boards are constituted in line with group company protocols.

5.0 Engagement and Consultation

5.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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