

LICENSING AND CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr Jacqui Vosper (Chair)
Cllr Sarah Spall (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr Bill O'Donovan

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Sue Carter, Jules Crossley, Lisa Greenway and P.G. Taylor.

Cllrs Abe Allen, S.J. Masterson and M.J. Roberts attended the meeting as Standing Deputies.

15. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised the Committee that Cllr P.G. Taylor had been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee held on 21st October 2025, 15th January 2026, 5th March 2026 and 18th March 2026. Under the Council's Standing Orders, Standing Order 4 (5) stated that 'if any Member shall be absent from three consecutive meetings of a committee, he or she shall cease to be a Member thereof, unless he or she shall in the opinion of the Committee show reasonable grounds for their absence.'

It was noted that the Chair had been made aware of the reasons for his absence and was happy with the explanation given. The wider Committee were satisfied that Cllr Taylor could continue as a Member of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That Cllr P.G. Taylor continue to serve as a Member of the Committee for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

Item No.	Para. No.	Category
2	1	Information relating to an individual

17. UPDATE ON APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Committee considered the Leader of the Council's Exempt Report No. DEM2607, which set out an update on the appointment of the Interim Managing Director and Head of Paid Service.

- (i) **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve an extension to Ian Harrison's appointment as Interim Managing Director and Head of Paid Service until the 31st August, 2026;
- (ii) **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that Ian Harrison, Interim Managing Director, continue to be designated as the Council's Head of Paid Service until the 31st August, 2026. The role to include the statutory responsibilities of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer; and
- (iii) **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** to confirm the new position of Executive Head of Governance and Law as the Council's designated Monitoring Officer.

18. VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was recorded for Cllr Jacqui Vosper, the Chair of the Licensing and Corporate Business Committee since October, 2025. As Cllr Vosper would be standing down at the forthcoming Borough elections, it was noted that Members wished her well for the future and stated that she would be missed at the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

CLLR JACQUI VOSPER (CHAIR)
