

Lancashire County Council

Employment Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Philippa Williamson (Chair)

County Councillors

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A Ali OBE	A Riggott
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County Councillor Nweeda Khan replaced County Councillor Jennifer Mein for this meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Lorraine Beavers and County Councillor Peter Buckley.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2023

Resolved: That the minutes of the Employment Committee meeting held on 11 July 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record.

4. Review of Coroner Salaries and Fees 2023/24

Ann Edwards, Coroner Services Manager presented a report on proposed salary increases for the Senior, Area and Assistant Coroners and to request an extension to the casual Case Examiner post.

It was highlighted that coroners' pay was agreed locally but with regard to the recommendations of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Coroners.

The committee noted that the Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Coroner Area covered all of Lancashire except Blackpool and Fylde. The possibility of joining with

the Blackpool and Fylde Coroner Area in future would be welcomed in order to deliver a pan-Lancashire Coroner Service. Ultimately this would be a matter for Blackpool Council and HM Coroner for Blackpool and Fylde to consider.

Resolved: That

- i) The salaries and fees paid to the Senior, Area and Assistant Coroners be increased by 3.5%, with effect from 1 April 2023;
- ii) The Area Coroners' salaries be increased as set out in the report, with effect from 1 April 2023; and
- iii) The extension of the casual Case Examiner role be approved as set out in the report, until the end of 2024.

5. Urgent Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Employment Committee would be held on Thursday 25 January 2024 at 2.00 pm at County Hall, Preston.

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Director of Law and Governance

County Hall
Preston

