

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HR COMMITTEE OF NEWPORT AND CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT 64, HIGH STREET, NEWPORT AT 10.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Lowthion (Chair), Garratt, Harrington-Vail and Smith.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R H Blezzard (Acting Clerk)

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In the absence of any members of the public no questions were asked.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Ballington.

**08. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Harrington-Vail declared a non-pecuniary interest by reason of being a director of Community Action Isle of Wight.

**09. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT the minutes of the HR Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Part 1) be approved as a correct record.**

**10. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Garratt joined the meeting at 10.02am and declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minute 13 Appointment of Staff and Proper officer as one of the candidates was known to him beyond being a passing acquaintance and advised he would recuse himself from any discussion on the merits of that candidate.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) THAT the amended Terms of Reference be noted;**
- (2) THAT expressions of interest be invited from members of council interested in being co-opted onto the committee in accordance with the committee's Terms of Reference;**
- (3) THAT the staff be invited to appoint a member to sit on the committee as a non-voting member in accordance with the Terms of Reference.**

**11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Public Bodies admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2) and SO 63.**

Signed.....  
(Chair)

Date.....