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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024

Councillors Present: Billy Drummond (Chairman), Tony Vickers (Vice-Chairman), Adrian Abbs, Antony Amirtharaj, Phil Barnett, Dominic Boeck, Jeff Brooks, Nick Carter, Patrick Clark, Heather Codling, Jeremy Cottam, Iain Cottingham, Carlyne Culver, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Clive Hooker, Owen Jeffery, Paul Kander, Janine Lewis, Erik Pattenden, Justin Pemberton, Vicky Poole, Christopher Read, Richard Somner, Stephanie Steevenson, Louise Sturgess, Clive Taylor, Martha Vickers, and Howard Woollaston

Also Present: AnnMarie Dodds (Executive Director - Children's Services), Joseph Holmes (Executive Director for Resources), Clare Lawrence (Executive Director for Place), Maria Shepherd (Service Director for Adult Social Care), Sarah Clarke (Monitoring Officer and Service director Strategy, ICT & Governance), Stephen Chard (Democratic Services Manager), Melanie Booth (Group Executive (Lib Dems)), and Jake Carpenter (Group Executive (Cons))

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillors Martin Colston, Councillor Laura Coyle, Councillor Paul Dick, Councillor Nigel Foot, Councillor Jane Langford, Councillor Ross Mackinnon, Councillor David Marsh, Councillor Alan Macro, Councillor Geoff Mayes, Councillor Biyi Oloko, Councillor Matt Shakespeare and Councillor Joanne Stewart

Councillor(s) Absent: Councillor Dennis Benneyworth and Councillor Lee Dillon

PART I

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

2. **Appointment of Head of Paid Service**

Council considered a report (Agenda item 3) concerning the appointment of a Head of Paid Service.

Councillor Jeff Brooks introduced the report. It was noted that it was his intention to go to a Part II to discuss the individual referenced in the report. He advised that the purpose of this was to agree the appointment in principle in part I and to move to Part II to ask Council to agree to the individual.

Some Members highlighted that all parties, including the minority group, should have been invited to participate in the interview process. The Monitoring Officer confirmed to Council that the interviews had been conducted by an appointment panel which consisted of two members of the administration and one member of the opposition in line with proportionality and convention. Councillor Brooks indicated that this point would be considered should there be a larger third party in the Council.

As Council were satisfied the information presented in the report, and the legal requirement to designate an Officer as Head of Paid Service, they agreed to discuss the exempt Appendix which outlined the recommendations of the Member Appointment Panel.

RESOLVED that that Council approve the appointment of the candidate for the role of interim Chief Executive proposed by the Member Appointment Panel detailed in

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Appendix A, who will be designated as the head of paid service and returning officer with effect from 8 November 2024.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the under-mentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as contained in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the [Local Government \(Access to Information\)\(Variation\) Order 2006](#). [Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution also refers](#).

4. Appointment of Head of Paid Service - Appendix

RESOLVED that that Council approve the appointment of the candidate for the role of interim Chief Executive proposed by the Member Appointment Panel detailed in Appendix A, who will be designated as the head of paid service and returning officer with effect from 8th November 2024.

(The meeting commenced at 5pm and closed at 5.08pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature