

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
 26 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M J HILL OBE (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors Mrs P A Bradwell OBE (Vice-Chairman), C J Davie, R G Davies, Mrs A M Newton, R B Parker, E J Poll, M A Whittington, Mrs S Woolley, C N Worth and B Young

Officers in attendance:-

Debbie Barnes OBE (Executive Director, Children's Services), David Coleman (Chief Legal Officer), Pete Moore (Executive Director, Finance and Public Protection), Claire Threapleton (HR Consultant), Nigel West (Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer) and Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer)

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Boles.

7 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

There were no declarations of members' interests at this point in the meeting.

8 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2018

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Chairman advised that he had accepted an urgent item onto the agenda and this would be considered as agenda item 5.

9 CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED

That, in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that if they were present there could be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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10 THE ROLE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

An urgent item was brought forward regarding the role of the Chief Executive. The Chief Legal Officer provided a summary of the report to the Committee. Officers responded to questions raised and it was reported that the following statement would be circulated:

"We are writing to let you know that Keith Ireland is leaving the council.

Over the last few months it has become clear that we do not share the same approach to a number of important issues that are facing the council and in these circumstances we are agreed that a parting of the ways is the best way forward for both of us.

Whilst unfortunately things have not worked out we are united in wishing each other the very best for the future."

(Joint statement by Cllr Martin Hill OBE, Leader of the Council and Keith Ireland, Chief Executive)

RESOLVED

That the recommendations, as set out in the exempt report, be agreed.

11 RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A report which set out the results of initial interviews with the candidates for the three posts of Executive Directors for Commercial, Resources and Place was tabled. Those candidates recommended for interview were highlighted.

The interview and scoring process followed was explained to the Committee.

A number of queries were raised by the members and were answered by the officers present.

The next stage of the recruitment process was clarified.

RESOLVED

That those candidates recommended be invited for the next stage interview.

The meeting closed at 1.20 pm