

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Monday 24 July 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans OBE, in the Chair.

Councillors Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Blight, Laing Luggier and Stoneman.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Di Saunders-Brewer (HR Culture Partner) and Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 11.30 am and finished at 1.28 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Panel will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

97. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

98. **Minutes**

The minutes from 13 June 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

99. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

100. **Recruitment to Director of Children's Services**

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) introduced the report.

The Panel agreed to:

1. Note progress on the recruitment of a permanent Director of Children's Services;
2. Undertake a recruitment process for the post of Interim Director of Children's Services.

101. **Exempt Business**

The Panel agreed to pass a resolution under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

102. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from 13 June 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

103. **Recruitment to Director of Children's Services**

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) presented the report to the Panel and it was highlighted to the Panel that one candidate would be interviewed by the Panel.

Following an interview process, the Panel agreed to appoint David Haley to the position of Director of Children's Services on an interim basis for a period of up to 12 months, subsequent to the recruitment to the permanent Director of Children's Services, Cabinet agreement and the necessary pre-employment checks.