

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Tuesday 14 November 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans OBE, in the Chair.

Councillors Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Blight, Cresswell, Darcy and Salmon.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Pamela Moffat (Interim Service Director for HROD), Simon Ray (Chief Executive Hampton Resourcing) and Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.03 am and finished at 1.30 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.

132. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Laing, Councillor Cresswell substituted
- Councillor Lugger, Councillor Salmon substituted

133. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

134. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

135. Recruitment to Director of Children's Services

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) introduced the report and the Committee agreed to:

1. Note the content of this report;
2. Undertake a recruitment process for the post of the role of Director of Children's Services.

136. 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.

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

Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) and Pamela Moffat (Interim Service Director for HROD) presented the report to the Panel.

Following an interview process, the Panel agreed to appoint David Haley to the position of Director for Children's Services subject to Cabinet Member and the necessary pre-employment checks. The Panel agreed to delegate the negotiation of terms and conditions to Tracey Lee (Chief Executive) and Pamela Moffat (Interim Service Director for HROD).