

## **Chief Officer Appointments Panel**

**Friday 20 June 2025**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Laing, in the Chair.

Councillors Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Blight, Coker, Laing, Lowry and Tofan.

Also in attendance: Chris Squire (Service Director for HROD), David Haley, Jake Metcalfe and Chris Squire.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.56 am.

*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.*

### 28. **Apologies**

Councillor Aspinall proposed Councillor Laing as Chair for the meeting, which was seconded by Councillor Blight.

The Panel agreed unanimously to appoint Councillor Laing as Chair for the meeting.

There were apologies received from:

- Councillor Evans OBE, Councillor Lowry substituted
- Councillor Lugger, Councillor Tofan substituted

### 29. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 30. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 23 May 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 31. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of chairs urgent business.

### 32. **Recruitment to Interim Service Director for Children, Young People & Families**

*(Please note there is a confidential minute to this item)*

The Panel agreed that 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Panel agreed to:

1. Note the content of this report.
2. Undertake formal interviews for the post of Interim Service Director for Children, Young People and Families Service.

33. **Exempt Business**

*(The Panel remained in part 2 to undertake interviews)*

34. **Recruitment to Interim Service Director for Children, Young People & Families**

Following an interview process, the Panel agreed unanimously to appoint candidate Lisa Davies to the position of Interim Service Director for Children, Young People and Families subject to Cabinet agreement and the necessary pre-employment checks.

35. **Confidential Minutes**

The Panel agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting that took place on 23 May 2025.