

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Thursday 10 September 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, in the Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Kelly, Laing (substitute for Councillor Evans OBE), Mrs Pengelly, Peter Smith and Jon Taylor (substitute for Councillor Lowry).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Evans OBE and Lowry.

Also in attendance: Kim Brown (Service Director for HR and OD), Alison Botham (Director of Children's Services), Andy Ralphs (Strategic Director of Customer and Corporate Services) and Amelia Boulter (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 9.00 am and finished at 12.50 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.

15. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct.

16. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

17. **Exempt Business**

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 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.

18. **Recruitment of the Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills**

Information folders were available at the meeting (which contained the role profile for the Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills, candidates' applications, presentation topic and interview questions).

Members interviewed two candidates for the post of Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills and considered each of the candidates on merit.

The Panel agreed to appoint Dr Ming Zhang to the post of Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills.

19. **Recruitment of the Service Director for Finance**

Andy Ralphs (Strategic Director for Customer and Corporate Services) provided an update on the recruitment process for the Service Director for Finance, Section 151 Officer. Following the assessment centre it was agreed to extend the search for a further 4 weeks to seek further candidates for interview.

Agreed that Penna would continue to search for further candidates for the Service Director for Finance, Section 151 Officer.