

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Friday 23 May 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Laing, in the Chair.

Councillors Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Coker, Lugger and Penrose (Substituting for Cllr Blight).

Also in attendance: Chris Squire (Service Director for HROD) and Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 12.17 pm and finished at 12.36 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.

22. **Apologies**

There were apologies from:

- Councillor Evans OBE
- Councillor Blight, Councillor Penrose substituted.

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

23. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

24. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 21 March 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

25. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of chairs urgent business.

26. **Recruitment to the role of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning**

(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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined

in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Scheduled 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Councillor Luggar proposed an additional recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Aspinall to:

- Authorise the Service Director for HROD to explore other options for the recruitment to the post of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning including acting up or interim arrangements.

The Panel agreed unanimously to the additional recommendation.

The Panel agreed to:

1. Note the content of this report.
2. Approve commencement of the recruitment process for the permanent post of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning.
3. Authorise the Service Director for HROD to explore other options for the recruitment to the post of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning including acting up or interim arrangements.

(Following the conclusion of the item, the Panel agreed to move back into part one)

27. **Recruitment to the role of interim Service Director Children, Young People and 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Scheduled 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Panel agreed to:

1. Note the content of the report.
2. Agree to commence a recruitment process for the role of interim Service Director for Children, Young People & Families