

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Friday 11 July 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans OBE, in the Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Briars-Delve, Lawson, Lugger, Stephens and Stevens.

Also in attendance: Chris Squire (Service Director for HROD), Glenn Caplin-Grey (Strategic Director for Growth) and Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 11.04 am and finished at 2.15 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.

1. Apologies

There were apologies from:

- Councillor Laing, Councillor Stephens substituted
- Councillor Aspinall, Councillor Briars-Delve substituted
- Councillor Blight, Councillor Stevens substituted
- Councillor Coker, Councillor Lawson substituted

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of chairs urgent business.

4. Recruitment to Interim Service Director for Street Services

Chris Squire (Service Director for HROD) presented the report to the Panel and highlighted the following key points:

- a) The previous post holder for the Service Director for Street Services left the Council on 04 July;
- b) Expressions of interest were sought from the senior management cohort of staff for an interim Service Director for Street Services whilst considerations of the structure of the directorate were progressed;
- c) Two candidates were being put forward to the Panel for interview;

- d) The position of interim Service Director for Street Services would initially be for six months before looking to recruit to the permanent post.

The Panel agreed to:

1. Note the content of this report.
2. Approves recruitment to this role on an interim basis pending permanent recruitment
3. Undertakes formal interviews for the post of Interim Service Director for Street Services on an acting-up arrangement.

5. **Exempt Business**

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 I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

6. **Recruitment to Interim Service Director for Street Services**

Following an interview process, the Panel agreed to appoint candidate Andy Sharp to the position of interim Service Director for Street Services subject to Cabinet agreement and the necessary pre-employment checks for a period of six months.