

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 10.00 a.m.
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT

Councillor Caunt (Chairman)

Councillors Adams, Ali, Mrs Millward, Ms Partridge, Simms, Sparks, Tyler and Mrs Walker.

OFFICERS

The Interim Chief Executive, the Head of Personnel and Support Services, the Assistant Director of Law & Property (Human Relations and Citizenship) and Mr Sanders (Directorate of Law & Property).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Miss S Bloomer And Mr B Warren – Head Teachers Of Rufford Primary School and The Summerhill School respectively (for agenda item number 7 only)

34 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Knowles.

35 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was reported that Councillor Simms was serving in place of Councillor Knowles for this meeting of the Committee only.

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member declared a personal or prejudicial interest, in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

37 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th January, 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

38 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and, in all circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Description of item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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39 POST OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Director of Children's Services.

RESOLVED

That subject to satisfactory references, MW be appointed to the post.

40 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

(Ms Bloomer and Mr Warren left the room during consideration of this item)

Further to an oral report by the Interim Chief Executive, the Committee considered the appointment of an Interim Director of Finance and an officer and deputy responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs under Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972, with effect from 1st April, 2009, in consequence of the retirement of the Director of Finance, and other associated cover arrangements in the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement.

RESOLVED

1. That Mr W B be appointed as Interim Director of Finance with effect from 1st April, 2009.
2. That Mr W B, in consultation with Councillor Mrs Millward, be authorised to make any other interim staffing arrangements necessary in the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement, pending the appointment of the Director of Finance.

3. That the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to agree interim arrangements with the Chief Executive of West Midlands Police Authority for the post of Treasurer to the Authority, as discussed at the meeting.
4. That the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to make arrangements for the appointment of a lead negotiator on single status and related issues on a temporary contract for up to 4 months from the 1st April 2009, as discussed at the meeting.
5. That, subject to the approval of the Council, Mr W B be appointed as the the officer responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs under, and in accordance with, Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972, with effect from 1st April, 2009, and that Mr W B be authorised to nominate a deputy Section 151 Officer for appointment to that office by the Council with effect from that date.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN