

**Minutes of the Appointments Committee  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 9.15 am  
On Microsoft Teams**

**Present:**

Councillor P Harley (Chair)  
Councillor Q Zada (Vice-Chair) (for Minute No. 18 below)  
Councillors C Bayton, R Buttery, S Clark, J Foster, P Lowe, S Phipps and D Vickers.

Councillor S Ridney (for Minutes Nos. 13 to 17 below)

**Officers:**

K O'Keefe (Chief Executive), J Branch (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), K Jesson (Strategic Business Partner) and J Houlihan (Gatenby Sanderson)

13 **Appointment of Substitute Member**

Councillor S Ridney was appointed as a substitute Member for Councillor Q Zada during consideration of the item referred to in Minute No. 17 below.

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14 **Declarations of Interest**

No member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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15 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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16 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**Resolved**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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17 **Appointment of Director of Children's Services**

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

**Resolved** that the Council be recommended:

- (1) That, subject to the necessary pre-employment checks, Catherine Driscoll be appointed to the post of Director of Children's Services, in accordance with the salary, market supplement and terms and conditions of employment applicable to the post, with effect from a date to be agreed.
  - (2) That Catherine Driscoll be appointed as the officer responsible for the Council's statutory children's services responsibilities.
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18 **Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive**

The Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Deputy Chief Executive.

**Resolved** that the Council be recommended:

That, subject to the necessary pre-employment checks, Balvinder Heran be appointed to the post of Deputy Chief Executive, in accordance with the salary and terms and conditions of employment applicable to the post, with effect from a date to be agreed.

The meeting ended at 5.30pm

CHAIR