

Meeting of the Appointments Committee

**Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 at 9.15 am
On Microsoft Teams**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute Members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September, 2020 as a correct record.
5. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following documents because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

6. Resolution to exclude the public and press:

Chair to move:

“That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it contains exempt information as defined under paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of information relating to any individual.”

7. To interview and consider making a recommendation to the Council concerning the post of Director of Children's Services.



8. To interview and consider making a recommendation to the Council concerning the post of Deputy Chief Executive.



Chief Executive

Dated: 3rd November, 2020

Distribution:

Councillor P Harley (Chair);
Councillor Q Zada (Vice-Chair);
Councillors C Bayton, R Buttery, S Clark, J Foster, P Lowe, S Phipps and D Vickers.

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**Minutes of the Appointments Committee
Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020 at 10.00 am
Banqueting Suite, Dudley Town Hall, St James's Road,**

Present:

Councillors S Ali, N Barlow, C Bayton, S Clark, J Foster, S Ridney, S Phipps, L Taylor and D Vickers

Officers:

K O'Keefe (Chief Executive) and J Branch (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development); G Rajaratnam (Public Health England)

6 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R Buttery, P Harley, P Lowe and Q Zada.

7 Appointment of Substitute Members

It was reported that Councillors S Ali, N Barlow, S Ridney and L Taylor had been appointed to serve as substitute members for Councillors Q Zada, R Buttery, P Lowe and P Harley, respectively, for this meeting of the Committee only.

8 Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, and pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 2.2(i), it was

Resolved

That Councillor D Vickers be elected as Chair for the duration of this meeting of the Committee only.

9 Declarations of Interest

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

The Chief Executive declared for transparency purposes that whilst he did not know one of the candidates personally (KW), he had operational contact with her husband, who was a former Local Authority Chief Executive and was now a Regional Convenor in responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

10 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 30th April, 2019 and 13th August, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed.

11 **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.

12 **Appointment of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing**

The Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing.

Resolved that the Council be recommended:

- (1) That, subject to the necessary pre-employment checks, Karen Wright be appointed to the post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, in accordance with the salary and terms and conditions of employment applicable to the post, with effect from a date to be agreed.
- (2) That Karen Wright be appointed as the officer responsible for the Council's statutory public health and wellbeing responsibilities, with statutory duties allowances paid as appropriate.

The meeting ended at 2.00pm

CHAIR

