

COUNCIL

Thursday, 19 December 2024

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bartch, Beckett, Cossins, Crudass, Mrs Culley, Curry, Dillon, Dulston, Harker, Haszeldine, Henderson, Holroyd, Johnson, Kane, Keir, Laing, Layton, Lee, Mahmud, Mammolotti, McCollom, McEwan, K Nicholson, Porter, Dr. Riley, Roche, Mrs Scott, Snedker, Storr, Toms, Tostevin, Wallis and Walters.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Ali, Coe, Crumbie, Durham, Garner, Lawley, Marshall, McGill, M Nicholson and Ray.

ABSENT – Councillors Pease, Renton and Robinson.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

43 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no announcements made at the meeting.

44 QUESTIONS - TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE APPROPRIATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN FROM):-

(1) THE PUBLIC;

There were no questions, received with notice, from Members of the Public.

(2) MEMBERS TO CABINET/CHAIRS;

There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, for the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees.

45 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

The Executive Director of Resources and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated) which invited Members to approve the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, in relation to the appointment of a new Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service).

The submitted report recalled that in September 2024 the Council approved a Senior Management Restructure, following notification from the current Chief Executive of his planned retirement. It was reported that a subsequent recruitment and selection process had been undertaken, in accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules for the Appointment of Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), as detailed in the Council's Constitution, and that the Human Resources Committee had met to interview three candidates for the post on 13 December 2024. An addendum to the submitted report was subsequently circulated to Members which detailed the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, which Council were invited to approve.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC - RESOLVED - That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RESOLVED - (a) That the recruitment process which has been followed for the appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) be noted;

(b) That the appointment of the candidate recommended by the Human Resources Committee as the Council's Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), subject to the satisfactory completion of the appropriate recruitment checks, be approved.

REASON - The recommendation is supported to enable a Chief Executive to be appointed and to discharge the duties and functions assigned to them by the role.