



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 12.00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Beasant, Cracknell, Holland (substitute for Downes), Patrick (substitute for Mill),  
Shreeve and Wheatley.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Victoria Leach (Assistant Director People & Organisational Development)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

### **APT.12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Downes and Mill.

### **APT.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in respect of any items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **APT.14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded for the following business on the grounds that its discussion was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### **APT.15 SENIOR LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

The committee considered a report from the Assistant Director People and Organisational Development advising on options for appointing to the position of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service and interim arrangements upon the

departure of the current Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service until the commencement of a substantive Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

Councillor Jackson moved the recommendations as set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

Councillor Wheatley moved an amendment that the proposed interim appointment be for no longer than nine months. This was seconded by Councillor Holland. On being put to a vote, the amendment was lost.

Upon a vote, the recommendations as set out in the report were agreed by a majority vote.

#### RESOLVED -

1. That the contents of the report now submitted be noted.
2. That it be recommended to Council that the appointment of Sharon Wroot as the Interim Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, be approved.
3. That it be recommended to Council that the appointment of Guy Lonsdale as interim Section 151 Officer from 1st June 2025 be approved, on terms delegated to the Assistant Director People and Organisational Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
4. That authority be delegated to the designated interim Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service to review corporate capacity and interim arrangements.
5. That the Assistant Director People and Organisational Development reports back to this Committee regarding permanent Chief Executive recruitment options and a related resourcing plan, once the implications of the wider national policy developments referred to in this report are more fully understood.
6. That the contents of Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be approved.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.17 p.m.