

CHIEF OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Chief Officers' Committee held on Friday, 10 September 2021 at 3.00 pm at Cumbria House, Carlisle

PRESENT:

Mr SF Young (Chair)

Mrs HF Carrick
Ms D Earl

Dr S Haraldsen
Mr P Thornton

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs C Brown	-	Manager - People Strategy
Mrs J Currie	-	Professional Lead - Democratic Services
Dr D Roberts	-	Executive Director - Corporate, Customer and Community Services

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

7 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mrs A Burns.

8 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of Agenda Item No 6 – Appointment of a Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this report contains exempt information relating to an individual.

9 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made on this occasion.

10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 May 2021 be agreed with the following amendment:-

Minute No 6 Appointment of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) and Appointment of Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

In the 4th paragraph 'members noted that a conditional offer had been made....' insert the words 'following the interviews' so it now read 'members noted, that following the interviews, a conditional offer had been made.....'

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Chief Officers Committee will be held on 19 October 2021.

PART II - ITEMS CONSIDERED NOT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

12 APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER (MONITORING OFFICER)

Members considered a report from the Chief Executive, and presented by the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services, which recommended that the Committee considered the proposed options and agree a way forward for the recruitment of a Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) following the resignation of the current post holder.

Members discussed the options for the recruitment of the Chief Legal Officer at length, and upon conclusion of the debate it was,

RESOLVED that, the Chief Officers Committee

- (1) Agree to progress with the appointment of a Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) on a temporary basis, from appointment until 31st May 2023;
- (2) Agree the proposed resourcing approach as per Option (2) in the table in section 5 for the post of Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer);
- (3) Agree the timeline outlined in paragraph 5.10 of the report;
- (4) Agree the terms of employment, including the salary, and 'retention payment', as outlined in section 6 of the report;
- (5) In the event that a suitable candidate cannot be sourced a future meeting of the Chief Officers Committee will be convened to discuss options.

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm