
To: The Chair and Members of Chief Officers' Committee

Agenda

CHIEF OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Chief Officers' Committee will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 3 November 2021
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Conference Room A - Cumbria House, Botchergate,
Carlisle CA1 1RD

Dawn Roberts
Executive Director –Corporate, Customer and Community Services

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MEMBERSHIP

Mrs A Burns
Mrs HF Carrick
Dr S Haraldsen

Mr P Thornton
Mr SF Young (Chair)

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A G E N D A

PART 1: ITEMS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members are invited to disclose any disclosable pecuniary interest they have in any item on the agenda which comprises

- 1 Details of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- 2 Details of any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. (This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
- 3 Details of any contract which is made between you (or a body in which you have a beneficial interest) and the authority
 - (a) Under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - (b) Which has not been fully discharged.
- 4 Details of any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the authority.
- 5 Details of any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the authority for a month or longer.
- 6 Details of any tenancy where (to your knowledge)
 - (a) The landlord is the authority; and
 - (b) The tenant is a body in which you have a beneficial interest.

- 7 Details of any beneficial interest in securities of a body where
- (a) That body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the authority; and
 - (b) Either –
 - (i) The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) If that share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

In addition, you must also disclose other non-pecuniary interests set out in the Code of Conduct where these have not already been registered.

Note

A “disclosable pecuniary interest” is an interest of a councillor or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they are civil partners).

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 10 September 2021 (copy enclosed)

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5 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting of the Chief Officers Committee will be notified as required.

PART 2 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

6 APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER (MONITORING OFFICER)

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (copy enclosed for members only, Appendix 2 to follow)

Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph(s) 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this report contains exempt information relating to an individual.

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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

Agenda Item 6

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