

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appointments Committee held in meeting room B3 E6, County Hall, Taunton, on 25th September 2019 at 12-00pm

Present: Cllr M Chilcott, D Fothergill, Cllr L Leyshon, Patrick Flaherty (Chief Executive) & Chris Squire (Director of HR & Organisational Development)

Apologies for absence: Cllr J Lock

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Fothergill, Leader of the Council, was elected as the Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Lock had submitted her apologies and nominated Cllr L Leyshon as her substitute for the meeting.

3. Declarations of interests

None declared

4. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public -

There were no members of the press or public in attendance. On officer advice the Committee agreed the exclusion of press and public recommendation for agenda item 5 where any matters discussed related to exempt information.

6. Appointment of Interim Director of Finance

The Committee were updated by the HR & OD Director on the proposed appointment to the role of Strategic Manager-Governance & Democratic Services and the Monitoring Officer of the Council.

The Committee considered the response received to the recruitment process, as detailed in section 3 of the briefing paper published with the agenda. The following points were noted:

- The role includes a statutory post (Monitoring Officer), hence the requirement for a member appointments' process;
- There was one expression of interest for the role, from the Acting Strategic Manager, Democratic Services.



The Chair sought the views of the members of the Committee to the proposed recommendation that Scott Wooldridge be appointed to the role. The Committee voted unanimously to accept this proposal and make their recommendation to the Chief Executive.

7. Minutes of the Meeting

The Committee agreed to authorise the Chair to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting ahead of their publication on the Council's website.

Cllr Fothergill (Chair)