

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appointments Committee**
held on Friday, 2nd August, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor F Wilson (Chair)
Councillor M Gorman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors C Bulman, T Dean, R Fletcher, S Gardiner, N Mannion and
M Simon

Officers in attendance

Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive
Sara Duncalf, HR Operations Manager
Julie Gregory, Legal Team Manager - Place/Corporate
Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

Also, in attendance
Mr Pete John, Penna

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors J Clowes and S Corcoran.
Councillors T Dean and N Mannion attended as substitutes.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Gardiner declared that he knew of one of the candidates
through his professional career.

Councillor R Fletcher declared that one of the candidates had worked at a
predecessor authority, which he had been an elected member of.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

12 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee considered the report on the recruitment and selection of a
permanent Executive Director of Children's Services.

RESOLVED: That the Committee

- 1 agree the appointment of a partner agency for the recruitment of the permanent Executive Director Children's Services.
- 2 delegate to the Chief Executive all necessary recruitment steps to ensure that Cheshire East Council has applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates.

13 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLACE

The Committee considered the report on the recruitment and selection for the post of Executive Director Place.

The Committee were informed that one of selected longlisted candidates had withdrawn their application and therefore 8 applicants had undertaken the technical assessments.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the update on the recruitment and selection process.

14 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that it involves the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and 2 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

15 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee noted the Job Description for the Executive Director Children Services position.

16 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLACE

The Committee considered the applicants CVs, supporting letters and technical assessment results before agreeing a short list of applicants for formal interview and further assessment.

17 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

18 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLACE

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agree the shortlist of 5 applicants for the post of Executive Director Place for the formal interview and further assessment on 8 August 2024.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.25 pm

Councillor F Wilson (Chair)