

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appointments Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 25th March, 2025 in The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

## **PRESENT**

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

Councillors C Bulman, T Dean, S Gardiner, N Mannion and J Saunders

## **Officers in attendance**

Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive  
Karen Grave, Director of People and Customer Experience  
Jennie Summers, Acting Head of Legal Services  
Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer  
Luke Judd, Starfish Recruitment  
Caroline O'Neil, Department of Education

## **83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Clowes and M Simon.  
Councillors T Dean and J Saunders attended as substitutes.

## **84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **85 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

## **86 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Committee considered the update report on the recruitment and selection arrangements for the post of Executive Director Children's Services (DCS).

## **RESOLVED:**

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

## **87 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 this information.

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

The Committee formally interviewed the shortlisted candidates for the post of Executive Director Children's Services.

**89 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 that the successful candidate be recommended for appointment to the post of Executive Director Children's Services (DCS).
- 2 the Director of People be notified of the name of the successful candidate and of the salary and any other relevant particulars to make the job offer within the terms of the Council's approved Pay Policy Statement.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 4.52 pm

Councillor F Wilson (Chair)