

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appointments Committee**  
held on Monday, 24th February, 2025 in the Council Chamber - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield, SK10 1EA

## **PRESENT**

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

Councillors C Bulman, J Clowes, T Dean, R Fletcher, S Gardiner and  
N Mannion

## **Officers in attendance**

Rob Polkinghorne, Chief Executive  
Karen Grave, Interim Director of Place  
Sara Duncalf, Head of HR  
Jennie Summers, Acting Head of Legal  
Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer  
Luke Judd, Starfish Recruitment

## **66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor M Simon. Councillor T Dean  
attended as a substitute member.

## **67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

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

There were no public speakers.

## **69 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- 1 note the recruitment and selection process to date, including the  
indicative framework for the further assessment and formal  
interview arrangements.

- 2 delegate responsibility to finalise the assessment and formal interview agreements to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Appointments Committee.

**70 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.

**71 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Committee considered the applications and supporting letters, before agreeing a long list of applicants for the technical assessment stages of the recruitment and selection process for the senior management posts.

**72 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**73 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee agree a longlist of 6 candidates for the position of Executive Director Children's Services.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.55 am

Councillor F Wilson (Chair)

Signed.....

Date.....19 March 2025.....