

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Appointments Committee**  
held on Wednesday, 19th 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, J Saunders and N Mannion

### **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

### **74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **76 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 12 February, 13 February, 19 February and 24 February 2025 be approved subject to the following:

Correction of the job title for Karen Grave to Director of People and Customer Experience in the minutes for the meetings held on 12 February, 13 February, 19 February and 24 February 2025 and correction of the job title for Debi Wain to HR Business Partner in the minutes of the meeting for 19 February 2025.

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

There were no members of the public present.

**78 RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND GOVERNANCE, COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER**

The Committee considered the update report on the recruitment and selection arrangements for the Executive Director Children's Services and the Governance, Compliance and Monitoring Officer.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee

- 1 note the update on the recruitment and selection process.
- 2 agree the proposed timeline for the advertisement for the Governance, Compliance and Monitoring Officer.

**79 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.

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

The Committee considered the applications, supporting letters and technical assessment results before agreeing a short list of applicants for formal interview and further assessment for the position of the Executive Director Children's Services.

**81 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee agree a shortlist of 4 candidates for the position of Executive Director Children's Services for further assessment and interview.

The meeting commenced at 10.05 am and concluded at 11.18 am

Councillor F Wilson (Chair)