

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Lay Members Appointments Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 19th March, 2013 at West Committee Room - Municipal  
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

## **PRESENT**

Councillors A Barratt, A Harewood, P Nurse, L Smetham and A Thwaite

## **Officers**

Maureen Hills and Paul Mountford

## **Apologies**

Councillors P Edwards and D Marren

## **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor A Thwaite be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public present.

## **4 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **5 APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS TO INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL FOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

The Committee considered the appointment of an individual to become an independent appeal panel member for school admissions and exclusions.

Since 2012, the number of panel members had fallen by 3. There were currently 67 admission appeal panel members (34 lay and 33 education

members) and 5 others (governors and head teachers) who sat on exclusion review panels.

The need for the applicant referred to in the Appendix to be appointed arose from the fact that the Council was extremely short of secondary head teachers for exclusion review panels. Such reviews required a lay chairman, governor and Head teacher. The applicant would also sit on admission appeal panels. It was not necessary to advertise on this occasion as the applicant had been contacted direct by officers. In accordance with normal practice, the applicant was not required to attend the Committee's meeting.

All independent appeal panel members received training before taking part in hearings.

### **RESOLVED**

That the individual referred to in the Appendix to the report be appointed as an independent appeal panel member for school admissions and exclusions.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.08 am

Councillor A Thwaite (Chairman)