

CHIEF OFFICERS' COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Chief Officers' Committee held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022 at 1.00 pm at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle

PRESENT:

Mr SF Young (Chair)

Mrs HF Carrick
Mr J Lister

Mr FI Morgan

Also in Attendance:-

Ms T Boustead - Assistant Director - Workforce and Organisational Development
Mrs J Currie - Professional Lead - Democratic Services
Ms C Parkinson - Chief Legal Officer

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

33 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Burns (substitute Mr Morgan) Dr S Haraldsen (substitute Mr Lister) and Mr Thornton.

34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of Agenda Item No 6 – Appointment of a Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as these reports contains exempt information relating to an individual.

35 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made on this occasion.

36 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 February 2022 be agreed as an accurate record.

37 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be notified accordingly, when agreed.

PART II - ITEMS CONSIDERED NOT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

38 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

Members had before them a joint report from the Chief Legal Officer and the Assistant Director – Workforce and Organisational Development which asked the Chief Officers Committee to consider the temporary appointment, from date of commencement until 31 March 2023, of the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), following a robust selection process.

During the course of 2021, the permanent Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) left the Council. The Executive Director, People Services (Deputy Chief Executive) exercised the duties of the role of Chief Executive pending the arrival of the fixed term replacement on 2 August 2021. She subsequently left the organisation with effect from 30 November 2021.

At its meeting on 5 January 2022, Chief Officers' Committee considered the options available to the County Council in relation to the appointment of a new Chief Executive and agreed to advertise the post.

Following the external advertisement of the post of temporary Chief Executive a total of 5 applications were received. 2 of the Applicants met the essential criteria and were progressed through a robust assessment and selection process on the 4, 7 and 8 February 2022.

The Assistant Director took members through the report and provided detailed feedback from the assessment and selection process and upon conclusion it was,

RESOLVED, that the Chief Officers Committee **RECOMMEND** to Council the temporary appointment of Mr John Metcalfe to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) until 31 March 2023.

Members of the Committee asked that their thanks be recorded to the Chief Legal Officer and the Assistant Director Workforce and Organisational Development for all the work they had undertaken in relation to this.