

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 4th March 2005 at the Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes.

Present: Councillors McDermott (Chairman), Cross, Gilligan, M. Hodgkinson, Nyland and Swain.

Apologies for absence: None.

Absence declared on Council business: None.

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it was:

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

RECRUITMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTORS

The Committee considered the CV's of Diana Terris, Eira Hughes, Dwayne Johnson and Dick Tregear, and interviewed each of the four candidates for the post of Strategic Director.

Following a full consideration of each candidate it was unanimously RESOLVED: That

- (1) Diana Terris be appointed to the post of Strategic Director (Children & Young People) with a commencement date of 10th March, 2005, subject to there being no objections raised by Executive Board Members in accordance with the Standing Orders relating to Staff within two days of them being notified of the proposed appointment;
- (2) Dwayne Johnson be appointed to the post of Strategic Director (Health & Community) with a commencement date of 10th March, 2005, subject to there being no objections raised by Executive Board Members in accordance with the

Standing Orders relating to Staff within two days of them being notified of the proposed appointment;

- (3) Dick Tregoe be appointed to the post of Strategic Director (Environment) with a commencement date of 10th March, 2005, subject to there being no objections raised by Executive Board Members in accordance with the Standing Orders relating to Staff within two days of them being notified of the proposed appointment;
- (4) The post of Strategic Director (Corporate & Policy) to be advertised externally; and
- (5) The Chief Executive be authorised to appoint Bill Dodd as Acting Executive Director (Corporate Services) from 1st April, 2005, until the Strategic Director (Corporate & Policy) is in post and to provide an honorarium to reflect the increase in duties and responsibility.

REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT

The Committee considered reports dealing with requests for early retirement submitted by the Operational Director Planning and the Operational Director ICT Services.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Chris Brough be granted early retirement in the interests of the efficiency of the service with effect from 20th June, 2005, and that he be thanked for his excellent service and commitment to the Borough of Halton and local government generally over many years;
- (2) That the present posts of Operational Director (Planning) and Operational Director (Environmental Health and Consumer Protection) be deleted from the establishment and replaced by the post of Operational Director (Environmental Health and Planning) and that in the first instance the post be filled from within the Council on a temporary basis; and
- (3) Geoff Venables be granted early retirement in the interests of the efficiency of the service with effect from 31st March, 2005, and that he be thanked for his excellent service to Halton and local government generally.

Meeting ended at 3.30 pm