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Appointments Committee

**Tuesday, 3 October 2023 9.00 a.m.
Karalius Suite - Halton Stadium, Widnes**

S. Young

Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Mike Wharton (Chair)	Labour
Councillor John Bradshaw	Conservative
Councillor Mark Dennett	Labour
Councillor Tony McDermott	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Dave Thompson	Labour

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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In this case the Committee has a discretion to exclude the press and public but, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

- 3. APPOINTMENT OF POST - OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR
ECONOMY, ENTERPRISE & PROPERTY**

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Tuesday, 18 July 2023 at the Karalius Suite - Halton Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chair), T. McInerney, McDermott, Ratcliffe and Thompson

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J. Bradshaw

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: S. Young, G. Haining and H. Hamlett – Halton Borough Council.
S. Senior and R Malpass – North West Employers.

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE**

APC1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2023, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.

APC2 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- 2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were

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applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC3 APPOINTMENT OF POST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CHILDRENS SERVICES

Following a long-listing recruitment process and the drawing up of a shortlist, the Committee considered candidates for the post of Executive Director, Children.

RESOLVED: That Zoe Fearon be appointed to the post of Executive Director, Children.

Chief Executive

Meeting ended at 12.57 p.m.