



Appointments Committee

Thursday, 29 May 2025 1.00 p.m.
Box 16 - Halton Stadium, Widnes

S. Young

Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Mike Wharton (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sian Davidson	Conservative
Councillor Mark Dennett	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Dave Thompson	Labour
Councillor Kevan Wainwright	Labour

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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ITEM CONTAINING “EXEMPT” INFORMATION FALLING WITHIN SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985	
<p>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 paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.</p>	
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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Monday, 16 December 2024 at the Karalius Suite, Halton Stadium, Widnes

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Davidson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: S. Young, Z. Fearon, K. Bate and G. Haining

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

	<i>Action</i>
APC15 MINUTES	
The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2024, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.	
APC16 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985	
The Committee considered:	
1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee 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 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.

APC17 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR - CHILDREN'S
EDUCATION, INCLUSION & PROVISION

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

RESOLVED: That Benjamin Holmes be appointed to the post of Director - Education, Inclusion and Provision.

Meeting ended at 12.33 p.m.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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