



## Appointments Committee

Friday, 15 August 2025 9.30 a.m.  
Box 17, DCBL Stadium, Widnes

S. Young

**Chief Executive**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Mike Wharton (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sian Davidson	Reform UK
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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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART II</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ITEM CONTAINING “EXEMPT” INFORMATION FALLING WITHIN SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985</b></p> <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 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.</p>	
<b>3. STAFFING MATTER</b>	

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**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

*At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Thursday, 12 June 2025 at the  
The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes*

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chair), Davidson, Dennett, Thompson and Wainwright

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: S. Young and H. Hamlett

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

		<i>Action</i>
APC4	<p><b>SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985</b></p> <p>The Committee considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption</p>	

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 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC5 STAFFING MATTER

Following a recruitment process the Committee considered candidates for the post of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

RESOLVED: That Richard Rout be appointed to the post of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

*Meeting ended at 1.25 p.m.*

## APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

*At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Thursday, 17 July 2025 at the Box 17 - Halton Stadium, Widnes*

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chair), Davidson, Dennett, Ratcliffe and Thompson

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: R. Rout and W. Rourke

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

*Action*

#### APC6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2025, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.

#### APC7 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 4 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 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC8 STAFFING MATTER

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, detailing retention issues in an area of the Directorate.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approve the attached application for payment of a market supplement (Appendix 1).

APC9 STAFFING MATTER

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director Chief Executive's Delivery Unit, proposing arrangements to ensure that senior level capacity is available in the Chief Executive's Delivery Unit for the duration of the Corporate Director's secondment to the Interim Chief Executive position, from 1 September 2025.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted; and
- 2) the Committee approves the recommended approach set out as the preferred option (Option 3) in the report.

*Meeting ended at 10.02 a.m.*