



Appointments Committee

Thursday, 23 April 2026 9.00 a.m.
Bridge Suite, Halton Security Stadium

A. Davidson

Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Mike Wharton (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Laura Bevan	Labour
Councillor Sian Davidson	Reform UK
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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**ITEM CONTAINING "EXEMPT" INFORMATION FALLING
WITHIN SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO
INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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 1,2,3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

- 3. SELECTION INTERVIEWS FOR THE POST OF INTERIM
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND GREENSPACE**

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Thursday, 27 November 2025 at the DCBL Stadium, Widnes.

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Davidson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Haining and H. Hamlett

Also present: Sharon Senior, Executive Director, North West Employers

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

	<i>Action</i>
<p>APC15 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985</p> <p>The Committee considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>RESOLVED: That, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed</p>	

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.

APC16 SELECTION INTERVIEWS FOR THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

Following a long-listing recruitment process and the drawing up of a shortlist, the Committee considered candidates for the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

RESOLVED: That Mr Andrew Donaldson be recommended to the Full Council for appointment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

Meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.