

## 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

*Action*

APC4 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.

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.*