

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Friday, 15 August 2025 at Box 17, DCBL Stadium, Widnes

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Davidson and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: R. Rout

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

APC10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2025, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.

APC11 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.

APC12 STAFFING MATTER

Following a recruitment process the Committee considered candidates for the posts of Interim Director of Transformation and Interim Director of HR & Corporate Affairs.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Lisa Taylor be appointed to the post of Interim Director of Transformation; and
- 2) Hayley Hamlett be appointed to the post of Interim Director of HR & Corporate Affairs.

Meeting ended at 1.20 p.m.