

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

Action

APC15 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.

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.