

CHIEF OFFICER EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2025

Present: Councillor G Marshall, Chair

Councillors: V C Smith (Vice-Chair)
P J Bales
G Bunn
R D MacRae
D K Watts
K Woodhead

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H J Faccio and P J Owen.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press 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 paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDED to Council that that the following be approved:

1. The appointment of Zulfiqar Darr as Interim Chief Executive, including designation as Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Senior Responsible Officer (RIPA 2000), be approved with effect from 13 September 2025, until a permanent appointment is made.
2. The appointment of Martin Paine as Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer be approved with effect from 13 September 2025.
3. The appointment of Greg Dwyer as Interim Data Protection Officer be approved with effect from 13 September 2025.
4. The Council fills the post of permanent Chief Executive by advertising internally and externally, and makes arrangements accordingly as soon as possible, allocating a budget of £40,000 from General Fund Reserve balances to acquire the necessary external expertise to support this process.

5. **That any consequential changes to the Constitution are made in relation to recommendations 1, 2 and 3.**