

Appointments Committee

Thursday, 13th January, 2011
6.00 - 7.25 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Garth Barnes, Bernard Fisher, Les Godwin, Colin Hay, Rowena Hay, Steve Jordan and Duncan Smith
Also in attendance:	Julie McCarthy and Andrew North

Minutes

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jordan proposed Councillor Rowena Hay as Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Barnes.
She was duly elected and took the chair.

Councillor Fisher proposed Councillor Godwin as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Barnes. He was duly elected.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Garnham.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.
- 4. APPOINTMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEVEL**

Councillor Smith joined the meeting during the start of this item.

The Chief Executive advised members that the sub-committee would need to follow the rules of political proportionality. The constitution working group had considered that appointments to vacancies at Assistant Director level should be made by a sub-committee of three members to include the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder (whether or not a Member of the Appointments Committee). The Chief Executive advised that it was open to members to appoint the subcommittee on their own terms, and that could include increasing the number of members to five if they so wished.

Resolved that Councillors Webster, R Hay and Smith be appointed to the Appointments Sub-Committee with Councillor Jordan as a substitute Cabinet Member.
- 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Resolved that in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business as

it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph 1, Part 1, Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely:

- Paragraph 1; Information relating to any individual.

6. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST

The Chief Executive introduced his report which had been circulated with the agenda. The report requested members to consider a number of matters relating to the new senior leadership team structure.

7. SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMESCALES

The selection process and timescales for Senior Management appointments were discussed and agreed.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DETERMINES IS URGENT AND REQUIRES A DECISION

The Chief Executive asked members if they had any views on the naming of the new senior management posts. Members agreed that they should be renamed as Directors rather than Assistant Directors which had lost their significance given that they no longer reported to the Strategic Directors.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A further meeting was not required at this point.

Chairman