

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Agenda

Date Monday 3rd February 2025

Time 1.00 pm

Venue Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Alex Bougatef or Constitutional Services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
Councillors Byrne, Ghafoor, Hince, Jabbar, Shah (Chair), Sykes and Taylor

Item No

- 1 Apologies For Absence
- 2 Urgent Business
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair
- 3 Declarations of Interest
To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 3 - 4)
The Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee, held on 21st October 2024, are attached for approval.
- 5 Exclusion of the Press and Public
To consider that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, under paragraph 3 as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.



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- 6 Shortlisting for the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service
Report to follow.

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21 OCTOBER 2024, 10:00

Present: Cllr Shah (chair)
Cllrs Taylor, Jabbar, Sheldon, Sykes, Hince, Wahid (substituting for Ghafoor)

Also in attendance:

Steve Hughes – Assistant Director of Strategy & Performance
Wendy Jackson – Interim Assistant Director of HR & OD

Venue: Lees A Room, Civic Centre, Oldham

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ghafoor. Cllr Wahid attended as their substitute.

2 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

3 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting held on the 23 July 2024 were received and they were RESOLVED as a correct record.

5 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following two items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the report.

6 **Chief Executive Working Arrangements**

The Assistant Director for Strategy & Performance presented members with a confidential report exploring options and proposals for the Greater Manchester package of support. The committee also interview three candidates, following an internal recruitment process for the role of Acting Chief Executive.

RESOLVED the following recommendations be considered at Full Council:

- Approve the increase in working hours for Harry Catherall, Chief Executive, from four days to five and the appropriate salary implications, with no other changes to his existing terms and conditions.
- Enter into a secondment agreement with Tameside Council for the Chief Executive of Oldham Council to serve as Interim Chief Executive at Tameside Council for four days per week, subject to review after six months.
- Note the internal recruitment process conducted to identify a suitable Acting Chief Executive.
- Appoint Shelley Kipling as Acting Chief Executive for an initial period of six months

The meeting started at 10:00 and ended at 13:30