

APPOINTMENTS & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

4 NOVEMBER 2025

Present:

Councillors Keeling, Clarence and Parrott

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Buscombe, Nutley, Palethorpe and G Taylor

Apologies:

Councillors Bullivant

Officers in Attendance:

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Charlie Fisher, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Chris Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

19. MINUTES

It was by **PROPOSED** by Councillor Clarence and **SECONDED** by Councillor Keeling and

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the previous meeting on Monday 1st September 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Keeling and **SECONDED** by Councillor Clarence and

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

22. DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

The Committee considered the report to agree the appointment of the Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer.

The Section 151 Officer is a statutory role which the Council must appoint to, as per section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Appointments & Remuneration Committee (4.11.2025)

The Committee previously agreed the recruitment process for the Director of Corporate Services at its meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2025.

Councillor Parrott gave an overview of the process and the background and the suitability of the proposed candidate. The candidate was suitably qualified and had the breadth of experience needed to undertake the role.

Councillor Clarence spoke to this item to ask a clarification on the candidate's current employer.

Following the conclusion of the discussion on the report it was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Parrott and **SECONDED** by Councillor Clarence and it was

RESOLVED

That the Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that:

- 1) Ellie Willcocks is appointed as Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer.

The Democratic Services Manager confirmed that the appointment is subject to Full Council ratification, due at an extraordinary Full Council meeting on Tuesday 25th November.

The meeting started at 10.13 am and finished at 10.21 am.

Chairman