



## APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 4:30PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs E.M. Aldworth (Chair)

Councillors:

W. David, C. Gordon, C. Mann, J. Ridgewell, J. Taylor

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor J. Pritchard

Together with:

M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment) and L. Donovan (Head of People Services)

#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J. Simmonds.

The Committee noted Councillor G. Simmonds was not present at the meeting and that no substitute Member was present from the Independents Group. The Committee were advised that Councillor Simmonds had resigned as a Member of the Appointments Committee, furthermore the Independents Group had confirmed that they would not be taking up their seat on this politically balanced committee.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services expressed his disappointment that the Independents Group had decided not to take up their seat on this committee which appointed candidates to the most Senior Officer/Head of Service posts of Caerphilly County Borough Council. As a politically balanced committee the Councillors that formed its membership ensured cross party decision making on the recruitment, selection and appointment process, now, as a result of this action the Independents Group would have no voice and take no part in the decision making which, from a democratic perspective was far from ideal.

The Committee placed on record their disappointment that this place would remain vacant and expressed the hope that the Independents Group would reconsider their position and take up their committee seat.

#### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

3. **PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

Members considered the public interest test certificate from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. **EXEMPT ITEM – TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF HEAD OF LAND AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

Following full discussion and consideration it was moved and seconded that the appointment process and timeline for recruitment as detailed be approved. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the appointment process and timeline for recruitment as detailed be approved.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.