
CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 2/07/21

Attendance:

Councillors: Stephen Churchman, Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Anwen Hughes, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Dafydd Meurig, Dewi W Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Angela Russell and Dyfrig Siencyn

Officers:

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Geraint Owen (Head of Corporate Services), Eurig Williams (Human Resources Advisory Services Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited:

Councillor Elwyn Jones (Vice-chair of the Council)

1. ELECT CHAIR

To elect Councillor Mair Rowlands as Chair of this Committee for 2021/22.

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Peredur Jenkins, Eric M Jones, Peter Read, Gethin Glyn Williams and Simon Glyn (Chair of the Council)

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Alwyn Gruffydd, in item 8 on the agenda, as he had a close business connection and a personal connection with the family of one of the candidates.

The Member was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the application.

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

6. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, held on 16 April 2021, as a true record.

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12, Section 4, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972. This paragraph applies as the report contains information about specific individuals who have the right to privacy. There is no public interest that calls for disclosing personal information about these individuals. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

8. DRAW UP SHORTLIST FOR HEAD OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY

The Chair reported that 14 applications had been received for the post. This was very encouraging.

The Chief Executive was invited to give a summary of the applications. The applications were discussed in accordance with the requirements of the post, focusing on the main competencies.

RESOLVED TO PLACE FOUR CANDIDATES ON THE SHORTLIST

In expanding on the next steps, the Head of Corporate Support Department highlighted that an assessment centre would be conducted on 9 July 2021. A formal report on the candidates' responses would be provided by the assessment centre for submission to the Chief Officers Appointment Committee.

Five questions and a suitable presentation topic for the interview were discussed.

Interviews to be held on 16 July 2021

A proposal was made to invite the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property to the interviews as an observer

RESOLVED to invite Councillor Craig ab Iago (Cabinet Member for Housing and Property) to the interviews as an observer. It was noted that he would not have voting rights on the decision, but he would be given an opportunity to speak at the Committee's request.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.05 am

CHAIRMAN