

Decision Maker: Council

Date: 20th February 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: MEETING OF THE URGENCY COMMITTEE ON 23RD JANUARY 2012

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Urgency Committee deals with urgent non-executive decisions that are not of a sensitive nature where otherwise a meeting of full Council would be required. The Constitution specifies that any decisions made by the Committee should be reported to the next available meeting of the full Council. The Urgency Committee met on 23rd January 2012 to consider the composition of the Appointment Panel being convened to consider the new post of Director of Education and Care Services.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the decisions made by the Urgency Committee at its meeting on 23rd January 2012 about the composition of the Appointment Panel for the post of Director of Education and Care Services be noted.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £344,054
 5. Source of funding: 2011/12 revenue budget.
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 9 posts (8.22 fte) in the Democratic Services Team.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. The report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The membership and terms of reference of the Urgency Committee are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution as follows -

2.10 Urgency Committee (Five Members, comprising the Mayor, the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and the Leaders of the three largest party groups).

To deal with urgent non-executive decisions that are not of a sensitive nature – any such decisions made shall be reported to the next available meeting of the full Council.

3.2 The Committee met for the first time on 23rd January 2012 to consider extending the membership of the Chief Officer Appointment Panel for the post of Director of Education and Care Services. All members of the Committee were present, and Councillor Tony Owen was appointed Chairman. The minute relating to this decision about the Appointment Panel is set out below in accordance with the requirement in the Constitution. The Appointment Panel held its first meeting on 25th January 2012.

CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENT PANEL: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

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The composition of Appointment Panels for choosing new Chief and Deputy Chief Officers was set by full Council at the annual meeting each year. The forthcoming appointment of a Director of Education and Care Services was of particular interest to a wide range of Members from more than one portfolio, and from all parties, so the Urgency Committee was asked to consider whether the normal membership of seven should be increased. The Committee concluded that it would be helpful to increase the Panel to nine Members by including an additional PDS Chairman and a representative from the Labour group.

RESOLVED that the appointment panel for the recruitment of the Director of Education and Care services consist of the following Councillors - Eric Bosshard, Stephen Carr, Judi Ellis, Robert Evans, John Getgood, David McBride, Ernest Noad, Tony Owen and Stephen Wells.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Agenda and minutes of the Urgency Committee meeting on 23 rd January 2012 Council Constitution: Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions