

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 8 January 2025 Time: 9.00am,

Location: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: R Henry (Chair), (Vice-Chair), S Booth, M Humberstone,

L Martin-Haugh, L Rossati, S Speller, J Thomas and N Williams

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 14 NOVEMBER 2024

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 14 November 2024 for signature by the Chair.

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3. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

- 1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs1 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
- 2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

5. PART II MINUTES - APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - 14 NOVEMBER 2024

To approve the Part II Minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 14 November 2024.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To interview shortlisted applicants for the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), to receive a critique of each individual's assessment tests and decide which, if any, applicant is to be recommended to Council for appointment.

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7. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

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STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 14 November 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Richard Henry (Chair), Stephen Booth, Lin Martin-Haugh,

Loraine Rossati, Simon Speller and Jeannette Thomas

Start / End Start Time: 6.00pm **Time:** End Time: 6.45pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mason Humberstone and Nigel Williams.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 4 February 2020 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

At this juncture, the Chair, Councillor Richard Henry thanked Matt Partridge, the Council's current Chief Executive for his 11 years' service to the Council including the last 6 as Chief Executive. He spoke of Matt's dedication and in particular the support he had given to Councillor Henry when he became Leader of the Council.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the Committee were noted.

4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.
- 2. That having considered the reasons for the following items being in Part II it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

5 RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Following debate it was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the recommendations in the report be agreed subject to the amendment to the salary range as detailed in the Part II section of these minutes.

6 PART II MINUTES - APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Part II section of the Minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 4 February 2020 are approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

CHAIR

Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



