

Minutes of the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee

**Monday 15th July 2019 at 4.30 pm
at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillors Y Davies (Chair), Ali, Crompton, Hadley, Millard and Taylor.

Apology: Councillor Khatun.

1/19 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2018 be received.

2/19 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the proceedings to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to an individual.

3/19 **The resignation of the Chief Executive and the arrangements for the appointment of an interim Chief Executive**

The Committee noted that on 2nd July 2019, the Chief Executive tendered his resignation with immediate effect.

Consideration was now given to arrangements for the designation of an officer of the Council to act as Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

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It was agreed that the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing act as Interim Chief Executive until such time that a Chief Executive is appointed and in situ.

In accordance with the Principles of Delegation, Section 3, para 4 (Authority to Act) of the Scheme of Delegations to Officers within the Constitution, it was proposed that the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to nominate an Executive Director to act in his absence, or where he is unable to make a decision due to a conflict of interest, with the exception of any decisions which relate to the duty of the office of Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer, pursuant to the above mentioned delegation.

In addition, the Committee was of the view that:-

- the requirement for the role of Deputy Chief Executive should be reviewed further as part of the governance review;
- Mr Stuart Lackenby be appointed as the Council's Interim Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) as he held the appropriate qualification and experience for the role.

Resolved to recommend to Council:-

- (1) that Mr David Stevens be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and be appointed to the statutory roles of Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer with immediate effect and until such time as a permanent Chief Executive is appointed and in situ;
- (2) that in accordance with the Principles of Delegation, Section 3, para 4 (Authority to Act) of the Scheme of Delegations to Officers within the Constitution, the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to nominate an Executive Director on an interim basis to act in his absence, or where he is unable to make a decision due to a conflict of interest, with the exception of any decisions which relate to the duty of the office of Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer, until such time as a permanent Chief Executive is appointed and in situ;
- (3) that Mr Stuart Lackenby be appointed as the Council's Interim Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) with immediate effect and until such time as a permanent Chief Executive is appointed and in situ;

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- (4) that a review of the requirement for the role of Deputy Chief Executive be considered as part of the Governance Review.

(Meeting ended at 4.50 pm)

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