

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Chief Officer Appointments Committee** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 23 October 2020 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor S Henig in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Napier (Vice-Chair), J Allen, R Bell, R Crute, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, A Patterson, A Shield, J Shuttleworth and B Stephens

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

5 Exclusion of the public

That under Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the 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 defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Recruitment to the Post of Interim Chief Executive

The Committee considered a report of the Head of People and Talent Management relating to the progress of the recruitment exercise for the interim appointment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

Information was provided relating to the expressions of interest and to outline the final part of the process, and the formal interviews (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Each candidate delivered a 10-minute presentation in response to a specific question, and was then asked a range of questions agreed in advance by the Committee.

On completion of the process, the Committee considered each candidate's overall performance.

Resolved:

That John Hewitt be offered the post of Interim Chief Executive.