

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the **Chief Officer Appointments Committee** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Thursday 29 July 2021 at 1.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor A Hoggood (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors R Bell (Vice-Chair), B Avery (substitute for J Shuttleworth), R Crute, O Gunn, C Marshall, D Oliver, E Scott, P Sexton and A Shield

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Shuttleworth and A Surtees.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor B Avery was substitute for Councillor J Shuttleworth.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and 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 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 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).

The 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.

Resolved:

That John Hewitt be offered the post of Chief Executive, subject to the confirmation of full Council.