

Durham County Council

Chief Officer Appointments Committee

At a meeting of the **Chief Officer Appointments Committee** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 10 July 2024** at **12.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor A Hopgood (in the Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors R Bell (Vice-Chair), R Crute, L Hovvels, A Shield, V Andrews (substitute for Councillor R Adcock-Forster), M Wilkes (substitute for Councillor E Scott), E Peeke (substitute for Councillor D Oliver) and P Heaviside (substitute for Councillor J Shuttleworth).

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Adcock-Forster, C Marshall, D Oliver, E Scott, J Shuttleworth and A Surtees.

2 Substitute Members

The following substitute members attended: Councillor V Andrews (substitute for Councillor R Adcock-Forster), Councillor M Wilkes (substitute for Councillor E Scott), Councillor E Peeke (substitute for Councillor D Oliver) and Councillor P Heaviside (substitute for Councillor J Shuttleworth).

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the public

Resolved:

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Interviews for the Post of Interim Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Human Resources and Employee Services relating to the formal interviews for the interim post of Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services (for copy of report see file of minutes).

Each candidate delivered a presentation on a topic approved by the Committee. Following the presentation, each candidate answered a series of questions which had been agreed, in advance, by the Committee.

On completion of the process, the Committee considered the overall performance of the candidates.

Resolved:

That Michael Laing be offered the post of Interim Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services.