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## **APPOINTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE AGENDA**

4.15 pm

**Tuesday** 28 April 2015

Town Hall, Main Road, Romford

Members 7: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group

(3)

**Residents' Group** (1)

**East Havering Residents' Group** (1)

Roger Ramsey (Chairman) Damian White Wendy Brice-Thompson

Ray Morgon

Clarence Barrett

UKIP (1)

Independent . Residents' Group (1)

Lawrence Webb

Jeffrey Tucker

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### 1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

# 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(If any) - receive

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any pecuniary interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter

## **4 MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve as correct records, the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2015 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them

## 5 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

To consider whether the public should now be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972; and, if it is decided to exclude the public on these grounds, the Sub-Committee to resolve accordingly on the motion of the Chairman.

## 6 APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF THE HEAD OF LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Details to follow; (not available to press or public)

Andrew Beesleyr Committee Administration Manager

## Public Document Pack Agenda Item 4

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE APPOINTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE Town Hall, Main Road, Romford 24 February 2015 (2.45 - 5.00 pm)

Present:

**COUNCILLORS** 

Conservative Group Roger Ramsey, Wendy Brice-Thompson and

+Meg Davis

Residents' Group Ray Morgon

East Havering Residents' Group

Clarence Barrett

UKIP Group Lawrence Webb

**Independent Residents** Jeffrey Tucker

Group

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Damian White (+Meg Davis substituted)

Joy Hollister, Director Children, Adults and Housing and Yvonne Skingle – Managing Consultant, Penna - were also present.

The Chairman, informed those present of the action to be taken in the event of an emergency.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### 1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25 July 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 2 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

On a motion by the Chairman the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED**:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public were present during those items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 3 APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER

The Committee interviewed two applicants for appointment to this position. It carefully considered their respective merits and satisfied itself as to their competency by reference to their written profiles, oral presentations and the answers to questions concerning the role and by wider questioning.

Members then considered their wider attributes. As only two candidates had been presented for interview, the Sub-Committee's choice was limited but it was unanimous in its recognition that the calibre of the candidates was high – and acknowledged the work of the Director and Consultant in managing the selection process. The Sub-Committee also acknowledged that the final assessments – by various groups including co-workers, partners and heads of service with whom the successful candidate would be working – had been very thorough.

The Sub-Committee accepted that each candidate had presented a strong case and noted that whilst one candidate demonstrated strong strategic skills, the other focused on service delivery and as this was the core feature of the role, the Sub-Committee had no hesitation in deciding which of the two excellent applicants it would appoint. The Sub-Committee was informed that references had been received and were excellent.

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED TO APPOINT Catherine Dempsey**, currently Child Protection Officer at the London Borough of Camden subject to the notification provisions of paragraph 12 of the Staff Employment Procedure Rules set out in part 4 of Havering's Constitution as she had demonstrated that she had the requisite experience, skills and knowledge to discharge the duties of to the position of Principal Social Worker.

Chairman