

AGENDA ITEM 3 (b)

REPORT TO SPECIAL COUNCIL

21 JANUARY 2009

REPORT OF APPOINTMENT PANEL

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF PAID SERVICE (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to the appointment of the Head of Paid Service.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council give their approval to the appointment of Neil Schneider, currently Acting Interim Chief Executive, to the post of Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive Officer) with effect from 22nd January 2009.

DETAIL

At its meeting on the 14th August, Cabinet gave their approval to the establishment of an Appointment Panel in respect of the post of Head of Paid Service. The post of Head of Paid Service was subsequently advertised in September 2008 in a range of publications. Twenty two applications were received. A long listing meeting was held on 28th October and fourteen candidates underwent a technical interview to determine their levels of experience. A shortlist of four candidates was subsequently drawn up. The selection process took place over two days during which time all members were given the opportunity to participate in the process, either as a member of a politically balanced panel or through attendance at an evening buffet. On the second day, the Appointment Panel interviewed the applicants and selected Neil Schneider as the candidate whom they wish to recommend for appointment.

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