

Appointments Panel

A meeting of Appointments Panel was held on Wednesday 1st October 2025.

Present: Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley and Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Mike Greene and Leanne Dudhill

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: None

APP19/25 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED that Cllr Sylvia Walmsley be appointed as Chair for the Panel meeting.

APP20/25 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

APP21/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

APP22/25 Minutes

AGREED That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

APP23/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press & public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it is likely to discuss exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of the Act.

APP24/25 Appointment of Permanent Section 151 Officer and Related Senior Management Arrangements

RESOLVED

That Full Council be recommended to:

- 1) Note that Full Council on 21 May 2025 approved interim arrangements for the statutory Section 151 Officer role, appointing Clare Harper as Acting Section 151 Officer.
- 2) Support the Chief Executive's proposal that Clare Harper be designated as the Council's permanent officer responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 3) Endorse that the permanent post be styled Chief Finance Officer.
- 4) Approve the permanent appointment of Clare Harper with the agreed job title styling.

Chair: