

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST

Minutes of the Flintshire County Council held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 3rd August 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor Joe Johnson (Chair)

Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Glyn Banks, Haydn Bateman, Marion Bateman, Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Sian Braun, Clive Carver, Geoff Collett, Bob Connah, Paul Cunningham, Jean Davies, Robert Davies, Ron Davies, Adele Davies-Cooke, Chris Dolphin, Rosetta Dolphin, Ian Dunbar, Andy Dunbobbin, Mared Eastwood, David Evans, Veronica Gay, George Hardcastle, David Healey, Gladys Healey, Patrick Heesom, Cindy Hinds, Andy Hughes, Dave Hughes, Ray Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones, Tudor Jones, Richard Lloyd, Mike Lowe, Dave Mackie, Hilary McGuill, Billy Mullin, Ted Palmer, Mike Peers, Michelle Perfect, Vicky Perfect, Neville Phillips, Ian Roberts, Tim Roberts, Kevin Rush, Paul Shotton, Ralph Small, Ian Smith, Carolyn Thomas, Owen Thomas, Martin White, Andy Williams, David Wisinger and Arnold Woolley

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Mike Allport, Bernie Attridge, Helen Brown, Derek Butler, David Cox, Andy Dunbobbin, Carol Ellis, Rita Johnson, Colin Legg, Aaron Shotton and Ralph Small.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive; Chief Officer (Governance); Senior Human Resources and Organisational Development, Team Leader - Democratic Services and Democratic Services Officer.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

The Chief Executive advised Members that following the resignation of David Williams, the Penyffordd by-election would take place on 7th October following publication of the notice of election on 2nd September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

33. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Senior Manager, Human Resources and Organisational Development introduced the report which provided the background to the appointments process carried out in July for the appointment of the Chief Executive.

As a result of the assessment programme, the Appointments Panel resolved to recommend to Council the appointment of Neal Cockerton as Chief Executive.

The Chief Officer (Governance) provided assurance to Members that the process had been sound and rigorous.

Councillor Ian Roberts moved the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Mike Peers. At this point in the meeting Mr Cockerton was invited to attend.

Councillor Roberts thanked the Appointments Panel for the considerable deliberations that took place which provided confidence in the recommendation and he congratulated Mr Cockerton on his appointment.

Councillor Peers welcomed the recommendation and said Mr Cockerton demonstrated the experience, drive and commitment to undertake the role of Chief Executive.

Members from across the Chamber offered their congratulations to Mr Cockerton which he thanked them for and confirmed that he accepted the offer which was a great honour and privilege. He had joined the authority 18 years ago and worked in a wider number of areas delivering front line services and leading on innovative projects. He looked forward to the future in his new role.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation of the Appointments Panel to appoint Neal Cockerton as Chief Executive on a salary range of £131,664 to £143,110 (subject to any pay award), commencing at the lowest spinal point of the scale, commencing 1st November 2021 be approved.

34. ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

None in attendance.

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m and ended at 2.56 p.m.)

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Chair