

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CHIEF OFFICERS' APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE**

**27 NOVEMBER 2007**

**APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR – BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 In accordance with the County Council's Constitution, to establish an Appointments Sub-Committee to deal with appointment to the post of Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.

**2.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 The terms of reference of the Chief Officers' Appointments Committee state:-

1. Where a vacancy occurs in the position of Chief Executive Officer, to:
  - (a) interview all qualified applicants for the post; or
  - (b) select a shortlist of such qualified applicants and interview those on the shortlist; and (in either case)
  - (c) having carried out such interviews, either appoint one of the candidates to the vacancy, or decide not to appoint any of the candidates, but instead to take such further action in relation to the filling of the post as the committee may determine.
2. Where a vacancy occurs in the position of any Chief Officer other than the Chief Executive Officer, to appoint a sub-committee to perform the functions set out at 1 (a)-(c) above in relation to that vacant post.

Note:

The Constitution states that any sub-committee must include at least one member of the Executive.

- 2.2 There are no rules in the Constitution about how large the sub-committee to deal with appointments of Chief Officers should be, but any such sub-committee needs to comply with the legislation relating to proportional allocation of seats. Because the Conservative Group has a majority of seats on the Council, under that legislation it must also have a majority of seats on any committee or sub-committee. The Conservative Group would, therefore, have three of the seats on a sub-committee of four or five members and would have four of the seats on a sub-committee of six or seven members. A sub-committee of five members would allow the Labour Group, as well as the Liberal Democrat Group, to have one member, but the relative proportional strengths of the Groups on the Council are probably best reflected in a sub-committee membership of seven, in line with that of the Committee itself, which would have seats allocated: Conservatives – 4; Liberal Democrats – 2; Labour – 1.

- 2.3 Members of the Sub-Committee can be drawn from the Members or Substitute Members of the Chief Officers' Appointments Committee, but do not have to be. It is for the Committee to determine the number of seats on the Sub-Committee, but then for the relevant political groups to identify which Members they wish to nominate to fill the seats allocated to their Group.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee establish a Sub-Committee to appoint a new Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services, specifying the number of seats on the sub-committee and their allocation between the political groups, which must comply with the proportionality rules in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 3.2 That the Committee appoint to the Sub-Committee those County Councillors nominated by the political group to which the seats have been allocated.

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Background Documents: None