

Agenda

Meeting: Chief Officer Appointment and Disciplinary

Sub-Committee

Venue: Pink Room, No1 Racecourse Lane, County Hall,

Northallerton

Date: Wednesday 13 November at 2.00pm

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Business

- 1. Election of Chairman
- 2. Exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of item 6 on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Chief Officer Appointment and Disciplinary Committee held on 24 September 2019

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- 4. Declarations of interest
- 5. Public Questions or Statements

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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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6. To short list candidates for the post of Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.

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Members are asked to bring to the meeting the candidate information previously circulated – should you require a further copy, please advise.

7. Any other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

BARRY KHAN
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)
COUNTY HALL
NORTHALLERTON

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CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND DISCIPLINARY SUB COMMITTEE

1. Membership

COUNTY COUNCILLORS - (8)					
1. BROADBANK, Phillip				Liberal Democrat	
2. RANDERSON, Tony				Labour	
3. JEFFERSON, Janet				NY Independent	
4. DADD, Gareth				Conservative	
5. LEE, Andrew				Conservative	
6. LES, Carl				Conservative	
7. MACKENZIE, Don				Conservative	
8. WEIGHELL, John OBE				Conservative	
MEMBERS OTHER THAN COUNTY COUNCILLORS - 0					
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - (8) Quorum - (3)					
CONSERVATIVE	NY INDEPENDENT	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	TOTAL	
5	1	1	1	8	

2. Substitute Members

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT		
NY INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT		

Note: This Sub-Committee must include at least one Member of the Executive.

North Yorkshire County Council

Chief Officer Appointment and Disciplinary Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at County Hall, Northallerton on 24 September 2019 commencing at 11am in the Grand Committee Room, No1 Racecourse Lane.

Present:-

County Councillors Philip Broadbank, David Chance (substitute for Gareth Dadd), Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee (substitute for John Weighell OBE), Carl Les, Don Mackenzie (substitute for Janet Sanderson), and Tony Randerson.

Officers: Richard Flinton – Chief Executive, Justine Brooksbank – Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) and Daniel Harry – Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager.

Apologies:-

County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Janet Jefferson, Janet Sanderson and John Weighell OBE.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1. Appointment of Chairman

Nominations were invited and the appointment made by consensus.

Resolved -

That County Councillor Carl Les be appointed Chairman.

2. Exclusion of the public

That the public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 6 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

3. Public Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2018

Resolved -

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

6. Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) - Not for Publication

Considered -

The report of Justine Brooksbank, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support), regarding the proposed recruitment and selection process for the post of Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services, as a result of the current post holder retiring in August 2020.

The Chief Executive, Richard Flinton, introduced the report and said that David Bowe had been the Director of Business and Environmental Services for the past 9 years. David Bowe had given a substantial notice period, which will help considerably with the recruitment process.

Richard Flinton said that the current post had been reviewed to see whether any changes were needed to ensure that it continued to meet local requirements. He confirmed that the role was still needed and relevant. As such, there was a need to establish a sub-committee of the Chief Officer Appointment and Disciplinary Committee to take part in the recruitment process.

Justine Brooksbank summarised the key points in the report, as follows:

- The aim is to attract applicants of the highest calibre
- The Job Profile had been checked to ensure that it would not exclude people who did not have experience of working in a local authority
- It was proposed that the remuneration be unaltered
- Once appointed, the sub-committee will need to meet twice. Once on 13 November 2019 to undertake shortlisting of applicants for invitation to the assessment event and once on 10 December 2019 to take part in the interview process
- The sub-committee will decide upon the candidate for appointment and then make a recommendation to County Council on 19 February 2020.

Justine Brooksbank also asked members to consider whether they would be happy for the Chief Executive, Chairman and Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to have delegated authority to determine the longlist ahead of the meeting of the subcommittee with outline information on number of candidates and reasons for inclusion or exclusion from longlist will be provided to the sub-committee, and to complete any necessary shortlisting after the day one process to provide a manageable and credible shortlist for the sub-committee to consider on day two.

County Councillor Carl Les thanked Richard Flinton and Justine Brooksbank for the overview of the report and opened up the discussion.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie said that he agreed with the recruitment and selection process, as had been outlined in the report. He asked that his thanks to David Bowe be noted for all of the good work that he had done over the years in such a high profile, customer facing role at the Council. These comments were echoed by all those present.

County Councillor Tony Randerson said that he would be supportive of the proposed delegation of powers as long as the sub-committee was not presented with a final short list and still had a role to play in a shortlisting exercise.

In response, Justine Brooksbank said that the intention was to produce a long list of candidates that was manageable and which had removed applications that were obviously not suitable as they did not meet the criteria in the Job Profile.

County Councillor Carl Les summed up the discussions and asked that the committee consider the recommendations at paragraph 5.0 in the report.

The recommendations were proposed, seconded and on a show of hands unanimously supported.

The membership of the Chief Officer Appointment and Disciplinary sub-committee was agreed as County Councillors: Philip Broadbank; Tony Randerson; Janet Jefferson; Carl Les; Don Mackenzie; Andrew Lee; John Weighell OBE; and Gareth Dadd.

Resolved -

- 1. To appoint a Sub-Committee to undertake and decide upon this appointment in accordance with the Staff Employment Procedure Rules, including the undertaking of shortlisting and interviewing.
- 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman, and Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support), review the applications to determine a manageable long list and complete further shortlisting after Day One to remove applicants not appointable prior to the final interview.
- 3. Consider and agree the proposed recruitment process in terms of timescale and selection arrangements.
- 7. Any other business which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

There was none.

Meeting concluded at 11.35am

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