

## **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**16 FEBRUARY 2009**

**Present:** Mr J L L Harrison (Elected Mayor) (Chair)  
Councillors Mrs L Arkley, G Brett, L J Goveas (MBE),  
Mrs S Mortimer, N Redfearn and G Westwater.

### **APP21/02/09      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported.

### **APP22/02/09      EXCLUSION RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part Two of Schedule 12A of the Act the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Act.

### **APP23/02/09      HEADS OF SERVICE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC PROJECTS AND STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT AND HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING**

The Chief Executive presented to the committee proposed revisions to the council's Head of Service structure to strengthen its capacity to deliver on major change and transformation projects as well as securing statutory and strategic responsibility for the protection of children and young people at risk.

The report recommended appointment to the posts of Head of Safeguarding and Head of Strategic Projects and Strategic Procurement as part of a restructure and outlined the process for appointing to the posts.

Members of the Committee were then given the opportunity of asking questions of the Chief Executive, the Strategic Director for Organisational Improvement and the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Learning.

The Committee took into account the human resources and legal advice contained within the report.

It was moved by Mr J Harrison and seconded by Councillor N Redfearn that the Appointments Committee:

1. Endorse the slotting in of Paul Cook into the post of Head of Safeguarding;  
and

2. Give a preferential interview to Vivienne Geary for the permanent appointment to the post of Head of Strategic Projects and Strategic Procurement at 10:30 am on Monday 16 February 2009.

An amendment was moved by Councillor S Mortimer and seconded by Councillor L Arkley as follows:

1. Defer the appointment of Paul Cook to the post of Head of Safeguarding until a subsequent meeting of the Appointments Committee to which Mr Cook can attend for interview; and
2. Give a preferential interview to Vivienne Geary for the permanent appointment to the post of Head of Strategic Projects and Strategic Procurement at 10:30 am on Monday 16 February 2009.

On being put to the meeting, 5 votes were cast for the amendment and 2 votes against.

In accordance with sections 2.18.6 and 2.26 of the Constitution, Mr J Harrison and Councillor N Redfearn requested their vote against the amendment be recorded.

**RESOLVED** that 1.) the appointment of Paul Cook to the post of Head of Safeguarding be deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Appointments Committee to which Mr Cook can attend for interview; and  
2.) a preferential interview be given to Vivienne Geary for the permanent appointment to the post of Head of Strategic Projects and Strategic Procurement at 10:30 am on Monday 16 February 2009.