

# Chief Officer Employment Panel

Friday, 19th January, 2024  
at 10.00 am

**PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING**

Room 217, Civic Centre

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Councillor Fitzhenry

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **Role of the Chief Officer Employment Panel**

The appointment of Chief Officers in accordance with the Council's Officer Employment Procedure Rules.

### **Public Representations**

At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may address the meeting about any report on the agenda for the meeting in which they have a relevant interest.

**Smoking policy** – the Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

### **Mobile Telephones**

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### **Southampton City Council's Priorities**

- Jobs for local people
- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Affordable housing
- Services for all
- City pride
- A sustainable Council

**Fire Procedure** – in the event of a fire or other emergency a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

**Access** – access is available for the disabled. Please contact the Democratic Support Officer who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

### **Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year**

Meetings of the Panel are convened as and when required.

Southampton: Corporate Plan 2022-2030 sets out the four key outcomes:

- Communities, culture & homes - Celebrating the diversity of cultures within Southampton; enhancing our cultural and historical offer and using these to help transform our communities.
- Green City - Providing a sustainable, clean, healthy and safe environment for everyone. Nurturing green spaces and embracing our waterfront.
- Place shaping - Delivering a city for future generations. Using data, insight and vision to meet the current and future needs of the city.
- Wellbeing - Start well, live well, age well, die well; working with other partners and other services to make sure that customers get the right help at the right time

## CONDUCT OF MEETING

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference of the Cabinet, and its Executive Members, are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

### **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The meeting is governed by the Executive Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

### **BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

### **QUORUM**

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

### **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

(i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

(iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

(v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

(vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or

b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

## **Other Interests**

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

## **Principles of Decision Making**

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

## AGENDA

### **1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

### **2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

### **3 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

(Pages 1 - 4)

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

### **5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Chair to move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of the following item based on Categories 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

The information contained therein is potentially exempt as it relates to individual personal details and information held under the Data Protection Act 1998. Having applied the public interest test it is not appropriate to disclose this information as the individuals' legal expectation of privacy outweighs the public interest in the exempt information.

### **6 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

(Pages 5 - 16)

To consider the report of the Executive Director of Resources regarding the appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

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Director of Legal and Governance

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
CHIEF OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PANEL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2022

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Present: Councillors Kaur, Leggett and Fitzhenry

8. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Paffey and Guthrie.

The Panel noted the resignation of Councillors Paffey and Guthrie and the appointment of Councillors Leggett and Fitzhenry respectfully in place thereof in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

9. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of the following item based on Categories 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

The information contained therein is exempt as it relates to individual personal details and information held under the Data Protection Act 1998. Having applied the public interest test it is not appropriate to disclose this information as the individuals' legal expectation of privacy outweighs the public interest in the exempt information.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES (S151)**

The Panel considered the confidential report of the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development regarding the Appointment of Executive Director Corporate Services (S151 Officer).

RESOLVED: that Melanie Creighton be appointed as the Executive Director Corporate Services (S151 Officer).

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
CHIEF OFFICER EMPLOYMENT PANEL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2022

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Present: Councillors Kaur (Chair), Mitchell and Fitzhenry

12. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Paffey and Guthrie.

The Panel noted the resignation of Councillors Paffey and Guthrie and the appointment of Councillors Mitchell and Fitzhenry respectfully in place thereof in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

13. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of the following item based on Categories 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

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14. **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLACE**

The Panel considered the confidential report of the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development regarding the Appointment of Executive Director Place.

**RESOLVED:** that no appointment be made from those candidates presenting for interview.

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