

**Minutes of the Appointments Committee
Monday 6th November, 2023 at 9.30am
in Committee Room 2, the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor P Bradley (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
Councillors S Ali, P Atkins, A Aston, I Bevan, D Corfield, J Foster, S Ridney and
M Rogers

Officers:

J Branch (Assistant Director People and Inclusion)

Also in Attendance:

M Wade (Midlands Regional Director of Public Health, & NHS Regional Director
of Public Health) and D Faulkner (Partner – Faerfield Limited)

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Buttery,
P Harley, P Lowe and L Taylor-Childs.

2 **Appointment of Substitute Members**

It was noted that Councillors P Atkins, I Bevan, S Ridney and M Rogers
had been appointed as Substitute Members for Councillors L Taylor-
Childs, R Buttery, P Lowe and P Harley, respectively, for this meeting of
the Committee only.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor S Ali declared, for transparency purposes, that he had known one of the candidates in a previous employment capacity, however, assured that this would not affect his ability to consider the selection process impartially.

Councillor J Foster declared a non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as a freelance investigator for West Midlands Employers, however assured that she had no involvement in the commissioning of West Midlands Employers to deliver mandatory training to the Committee. Councillor J Foster left the meeting prior to the interviews undertaken for the post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing.

4 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April, 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

5 **Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8**

There were no questions to the Chair pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

6 **Exclusion of the public and press**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

7 **Post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing**

The Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing.

Resolved

That the Council be recommended that Mayada Abu Affan, be appointed to the post of Director of Public Health and Wellbeing on the terms, conditions, allowances and salary applicable to the post.

The meeting ended at 2.10pm

CHAIR