

**Minutes of the Appointments Committee
Monday 18th August, 2025 at 10.00am
in Committee Room 3, the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor P Harley (Chair)
Councillor P Bradley (Vice-Chair)
Councillors S Ali, A Goddard and Q Mughal

Also in attendance:

Councillor D Corfield (Observer)

Officers:

N McGurk (Group Director – Communities and Growth) and E Wright (HR Business Partner) and H Mills (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

56 **Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence received on behalf of Councillor A Aston.

57 **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was reported that Councillor Q Mughal had been appointed to serve as a substitute for Councillor A Aston, for this meeting of the Committee only.

58 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made pursuant to the Members' Code of Conduct.

59 **Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8**

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

60 **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 or which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended

(At this juncture, H Mills – Senior Democratic Services Officer withdrew from the meeting.)

61 **Appointment of Director of Neighbourhoods**

The Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Director of Neighbourhoods.

Resolved that the Council be recommended:

That, subject to the necessary pre-employment checks, Jim Deakin be appointed to the post of Director of Neighbourhoods on the terms, conditions, allowances and salary applicable to the post with effect from a date to be agreed.

The meeting ended at 1.00pm

CHAIR