

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28th July, 2010 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Millward (Chairman)
Councillor L Jones (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Adams, Ali, Mrs P Martin, Sparks, A Turner and Wright.

OFFICERS

The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Resources, the Assistant Director (Human Resources and Citizenship) and the Democratic Services Manager.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Caunt and Ms Partridge.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was reported that Councillor Wright was serving in place of Councillor Caunt for this meeting of the Committee only.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, were received in respect of any matters to be considered at this meeting.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

The Chairman was of the opinion that the item referred to in Minute No. 9 below (Staffing Issue – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) should be considered at the meeting as an urgent item of business pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for urgency was the need to consider interim arrangements in respect of the post of Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below:

<u>Description of item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Staffing Issue – Directorate of Children’s Services	1
Extension of Temporary Contract	1
Staffing Issue – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	1

7 STAFFING ISSUE – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of an Acting Director of Children’s Services.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Jane Porter, currently the Assistant Director of Children’s Services, be appointed as the Acting Director of Children’s Services with immediate effect until such time as the Director of Children’s Services is able to resume his duties on a full-time basis and subject to a review in December, 2010.
 - (2) That the Acting Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, be authorised to make any necessary arrangements for the back filling of the duties of the post of Assistant Director.
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8 EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CONTRACT

Further to Minute No. 30 of the meeting held on 12th April, 2010, the Committee considered the extension of the temporary contact of the Lead Negotiator (Single Status and Equal Pay).

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to extend the temporary contract of the Lead Negotiator (Single Status and Equal Pay) until 31st March, 2011 with a review date in December, 2010, so that the contract period may be shortened if negotiations are completed earlier, and that a further report be submitted to the Committee on a fundamental review of the situation in the event that negotiations are not concluded by March, 2011.

9 STAFFING ISSUE - DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES

The Chief Executive reported on proposals for interim arrangements following the resignation of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, who would be taking up a new position with the London Borough of Hillingdon with effect from October, 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs Millward), the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services (Councillor Mrs Faulkner), the Cabinet Member for Housing, Libraries and Adult Learning (Councillor Simms) and the Leader of the Opposition Group (Councillor Sparks or his nominee) be authorised to agree all necessary arrangements for commencing the recruitment process and making an interim appointment to the vacant post of Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services with a view to a permanent appointment being made by the commencement of the 2011/12 financial year.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN