

**Minutes of the Appointments Committee  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 at 2.00pm  
in Committee Room 5, the Council House, Dudley**

**Present:**

Councillor P Harley (Chair)  
Councillors S Ali, P Bradley, J Foster and A Goddard

**Officers:**

B Heran (Deputy Chief Executive), J Branch (Assistant Director People and Inclusion) and M Wilcox (Principal Lawyer)

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**7 Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor P Lowe.

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**8 Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was noted that Councillor S Ali had been appointed as Substitute Member for Councillor P Lowe for this meeting of the Committee.

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**9 Declarations of Interest**

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

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10 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

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11 **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.

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12 **Appointment of Interim Director of Finance and Designation of Interim Section 151 Officer**

The Committee considered the appointment of an interim Director of Finance and the designation of Interim Section 151 Officer.

**Resolved** that the Council be recommended:

- (1) That Brendan Arnold, currently the Programme Director at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, be appointed to the post of Interim Director of Finance on the terms, conditions, allowances and salary applicable to the post.
  - (2) That Brendan Arnold be designated as the statutory Interim Section 151 Officer for the duration of the period ending with the subsequent appointment and commencement of employment of a permanent Section 151 Officer.
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The meeting ended at 3.00pm

CHAIR