
CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE (APPOINTMENTS) COMMITTEE MEETING



26 APRIL 2021

PRESENT: **CHAIR**
Councillor Paul Kirton
REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
Councillor Mary Ovens
STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL
Councillors Luke Frost, Jean O'Donnell, William Woodhead (Sub)
AUTHORISED OFFICER
Legal Adviser & Monitoring Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillor Teresa Higgins - Stockton on Tees Borough Council

In accordance with Standing Order No. 35 Councillor William Woodhead substituted for Councillor Teresa Higgins.

207. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

It was noted no Declarations of Interests were submitted to the meeting.

208. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION ORDER) 2006

RESOLVED "That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, namely information relating to any individual"

209. CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEGAL ADVISER & MONITORING OFFICER

209.1 Appointment of Independent Persons

The Legal Adviser & Monitoring Officer (LAMO) informed Members that the Localism Act 2011 requires that a relevant authority must include provision for the appointment "of at least one Independent Person" in addition to the following requirements:

- That the vacancy be advertised in such a manner that the Authority considers likely to bring it to the attention of the public
- The person has submitted an application to fill the vacancy through the Authority
- The person's appointment to be approved by the majority of the Members of the Authority
- A general prohibition upon a person being an Independent Person if they have been a Member, Co-opted Member or Officer of the Authority during the past five years

209.1 Appointment of Independent Persons cont.

The LAMO reported that the post was advertised on 24 March 2021 with three application forms received which were deemed suitable for interview, two of which were from the Authority's current Independent Persons and the third from a person unable to attend for interview due to other commitments.

He reported that the appointments would be for a two year period to align with the Committee on Standards in Public Life recommendation, following a review of Local Government ethical standards.

The Committee recommended the two existing Independent Persons for re-appointment by Cleveland Fire Authority at its Annual Meeting on 4 June 2021 and that the details of the third applicant be kept on file should the Authority wish to consider the appointment of a third Member in the future.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) That the two current Independent Persons be re-appointed by the Fire Authority at its meeting on 4 June 2021 for a two year period, commencing 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.**
- (ii) That details of the third candidate be kept on file for future consideration.**

**COUNCILLOR PAUL KIRTON
CHAIR**