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# CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APPOINTMENTS



22 MARCH 2019

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**PRESENT:**           **VICE CHAIR**  
Councillor Jean O'Donnell  
**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**  
Councillor Tom Mawston  
**REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
Councillors Mary Ovens, Ray Goddard  
**AUTHORISED OFFICERS**  
Legal Adviser & Monitoring Officer  
**BRIGADE OFFICERS**  
Democratic & Administration Manager

**APOLOGIES:**       Councillor Rob Cook – Hartlepool Borough Council  
Councillor Jan Brunton Dobson – Middlesbrough Council  
Councillor William Woodhead - Stockton on Tees Borough Council

### 116. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

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

### 117. 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"

### 118. CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE LEGAL ADVISER & MONITORING OFFICER

#### 118.1 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

### 118.1 Appointment of Independent Persons (cont)

- 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

The LAMO informed Members that the Authority had appointed two independent persons for a four year term of office in June 2017, namely Mike Hill and Steve Harwood and a vacancy had arisen following the resignation of Mike Hill.

He reported that the appointment would be for a two year period and that completed application forms had been received from four candidates all of which were invited for interview. He advised that two candidates had withdrawn from the process and that two were to be interviewed.

Members interviewed the two candidates, following which, one was recommended for appointment as Independent Person by Cleveland Fire Authority at its meeting on 29 March 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDED:-**

- (i) **That the report be noted.**
- (ii) **That the recommended candidate be appointed as Independent Person by the Fire Authority at its meeting on 29 March 2019 for a two year period commencing 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021.**

**COUNCILLOR JEAN O'DONNELL  
VICE CHAIR**