

COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor J.M. Charles [Chair]

Councillors:

F. Akhtar	S.M. Allen	K.V. Broom	C.A. Campbell
D.M. Cundy	S.A. Curry	C.A. Davies	T.A.J. Davies
G. Davies	H.L. Davies	I.W. Davies	J.A. Davies
K. Davies	S.L. Davies	W.R.A. Davies	E. Dole
J.S. Edmunds	P.M. Edwards	H.A.L. Evans	L.D. Evans
W.T. Evans	A.L. Fox	S.J.G. Gilasbey	C.J. Harris
P. Hughes-Griffiths	T.M. Higgins	J.K. Howell	P.M. Hughes
A. James	J.D. James	R. James	D.M. Jenkins
G.H. John	C. Jones	B.W. Jones	D. Jones
H.I. Jones	T.J. Jones	A. Lenny	M.J.A. Lewis
K. Lloyd	K. Madge	S. Matthews	A.S.J. McPherson
E. Morgan	D. Nicholas	B.D.J. Phillips	J.S. Phillips
D. Price	J.G. Prosser	B.A.L. Roberts	E.M.J.G. Schiavone
H.B. Shepardson	A.D.T. Speake	L.M. Stephens	B. Thomas
E.G. Thomas	G.B. Thomas	J. Tremlett	A. Vaughan Owen
D.T. Williams	D.E. Williams	J.E. Williams	

Also Present:

Mr M. James	-	Chief Executive
Mrs L. Rees-Jones	-	Head of Administration & Law
Mr P. Thomas	-	Assistant Chief Executive
Mr D. Richards	-	Organisational Development Manager
Mrs M. Evans Thomas	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

Mr M. Williams of SHL

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen : 2.00 p.m. - 3.55 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Bowen, D.C. Evans, R. Evans, D. Harries, J.P. Jenkins, G. Jones, A.G. Morgan, S. Najmi and D. Thomas.

The Chair made the following announcements:-

- Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Councillor Liam Bowen and his wife, Bethan, on their marriage last week;
- Councillor Penny Edwards' son is taking part in a cycle race from North Wales to South Wales in aid of the Felindre Cancer Centre and sponsor forms were being circulated at the meeting;
- Councillor Amanda Fox was selling yellow welly badges in aid of the RNLI.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2007 that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. SHORTLISTING PANEL ACTION NOTES - 3RD APRIL 2019

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 3 above, to consider this item in private, with the public excluded from the meeting in view of the fact that applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public and the public interest in maintaining the exemption therefore outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED that the Action Notes of the Shortlisting Panel held on 3rd April, 2019 be received.

[NOTE: Mr M. James, Chief Executive and Ms L. Rees-Jones, Head of Administration & Law left the meeting at this point.]

5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEW THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 3 above, to consider this item in private, with the public excluded from the meeting in view of the fact that applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public and the public interest in maintaining the exemption therefore outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the report.

5.1. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE "A" IN RESPECT OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

The Chair of Appointment Committee "A" provided Council with feedback from the selection process undertaken by the Committee earlier that day when it was decided that two applicants were suitable for appointment as the Council's Chief Executive and it therefore resolved to recommend to Council that those two applicants proceed to the final stage of the selection process and be interviewed by Full Council.

5.2. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS FROM RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES AND PRESENT QUESTIONS FROM GROUP LEADERS

The recommended candidates each gave a 10 minute presentation following which the Leaders of the four political groups were provided with the opportunity to ask each candidate a question.

5.3. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM S.H.L. IN RESPECT OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES' ASSESSMENT CENTRE PERFORMANCE

Council received feedback from Mr Mark Williams of SHL on the performance of each of the recommended candidates during the Assessment Centre process.

5.4. TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

Following completion of the interview process, it was

RESOLVED following a vote by ballot that Mrs W.S. Walters be appointed to the post of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

[NOTE: Mrs Walters was recalled to the meeting to be advised of the decision and confirmed her acceptance of the post.]

CHAIR

DATE