

# APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE "A"

TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor E. Dole [Chair]

**Councillors:**

C.A. Campbell (In place of G. Davies), D.M. Cundy, J.S. Edmunds, H.A.L. Evans, W.T. Evans, P. Hughes-Griffiths, R. James, D.M. Jenkins, A. Lenny, E. Morgan, S. Najmi, L.M. Stephens, E.G. Thomas and D.E. Williams (In place of J.E. Williams)

**The following Officers were in attendance:**

Mr M. James - Chief Executive  
Mr P. Thomas - Assistant Chief Executive (People Management)  
Mrs M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen : 10.00 a.m. - 11.20 a.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Davies and J.E. Williams.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**UNANIMOUSLY 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 item as the report contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act namely information relating to a particular individual.

**4. DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION & POLICY - CONSIDERATION OF SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute No. 3 above to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to a particular individual.

Although the public interest test would normally favour transparency and openness this was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality in this case because the individual concerned should have a legitimate expectation of anonymity whilst the Committee was considering their suitability for the duties. On balance, therefore, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality of the report.

The Committee considered a report advising that the post of Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy) had grown significantly to include additional responsibilities including the Corporate Property function. In addition to this, the £1.3 billion Swansea Bay City Deal had been approved and Carmarthenshire County Council would be directly responsible for leading and managing the administration and compliance of projects worth £241m. The post of Director of Regeneration & Policy had therefore been created in order to drive and support this project. This post would replace the current post of Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy) which would be deemed redundant.

The Committee was therefore invited to assess the suitability of Mrs Wendy Walters, Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy), to undertake the duties of the post of Director of Regeneration & Policy.

The Committee thereupon received a presentation from Mrs Walters and was afforded the opportunity of asking questions.

**RESOLVED that Mrs Wendy Walters be appointed to the post of Director of Regeneration & Policy.**

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

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**