

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE**

4.15 P.M.

21ST FEBRUARY 2022

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Tim Hamilton-Cox (Chair), Erica Lewis (Vice-Chair), Keith Budden, Roger Cleet (Substitute for Merv Evans), Andrew Gardiner, Ross Hunter, Cary Matthews and Jason Wood (Substitute for Oliver Robinson)

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Merv Evans  
Councillor Kevin Frea  
Councillor Oliver Robinson  
Councillor Alistair Sinclair

Observer: Councillor Caroline Jackson

Officers in attendance:

Arshaluse Gougazian Interim Head of HR  
Stephen Metcalfe Principal Democratic Support Officer

**39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**40 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items of urgent business.

**41 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved by Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox, seconded by Councillor Andrew Gardiner and resolved as follows.

***Resolved:***

That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

**42 INTERVIEW FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

In accordance with the previous decision of the Committee (Minute 31 refers) interviews were held for the position of interim Chief Executive.

Following interviews it was agreed as follows.

***Resolved:-***

That the current Director of Communities and the Environment, Mark Davies, be appointed as interim Chief Executive on a fixed term basis, subject to ratification of the decision by full Council and recruitment checks. The offer is for a minimum 3 months' term; but for a maximum of 6 months with one month's notice.

**Note:** Agreed as a correct record, subject to amendment at the next Committee meeting (Minute 43 refers).

---

Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.15 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact  
Stephen Metcalfe, Democratic Services - 01524 582073, or email  
smetcalfe@lancaster.gov.uk**