

APPOINTMENTS PANEL
1st October, 2014

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair); Councillors Beaumont, Currie, Hussain and C. Vines.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hoddinott.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report presented by Phil Howe, Director of Human Resources, which provided details of the Council's responsibility with regard to a nominated Director of Children's Service.

The Council's Scheme of Delegation provided for the duties of the statutory post of Director of Children's Service to be undertaken by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services. Following the departure of the current post holder the Council did not have a nominated officer fulfilling this mandatory role.

It was, therefore, proposed that the Chief Executive become the nominated Director of Children's Services until such time as an appointment to the post of Strategic Director of Children's Services was made (be that either interim or permanent) on the grounds that there were no suitable alternative post holders within the Council nor was it considered appropriate for the post to be held by the Director of Children's Services of another authority.

The appointment of the Chief Executive to this mandatory position was felt to be a suitable temporary appointment as he chaired the Council's Improvement Panel following the Council's Children's Services being placed into Government intervention and had been the lead Chief Executive for Yorkshire and Humberside on children's matters.

The Chief Executive had confirmed his agreement to holding the position.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, should the Panel approve this arrangement, Cabinet would need to be consulted prior to the appointment being confirmed.

The Panel considered the merits of appointing the Chief Executive to the mandatory position of interim Director of Children's Services, taking into account his experience, and accepted this was only a temporary position until a suitable candidate was appointed.

Resolved:- That the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Director of Children's Services be approved on a temporary basis pending the appointment of either an interim or permanent Director of Children's Services.