

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
EMPLOYMENT (APPEALS) COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Employment (Appeals) Committee** held on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth.

PRESENT

D. Towns (in the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

Lee, S.
Reid, J.

Renner Thompson, G.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Binjal, S.
Furnell, C.
Hadfield, K.

O'Farrell, R.
Sample, C.

Monitoring Officer
Service Director, HR
Democratic and Electoral Services
Manager
Interim Deputy Chief Executive
Lawyer

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSECE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dunn.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the open minutes of the meeting of the Employment (Appeals) Committee held on 20 June 2022, a circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

26. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

- (a) under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the Agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act and as indicated below, and
- (b) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because of the need for confidentiality when considering matters concerning individual officers.

Agenda Item Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A

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Information relating to any individual and Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

AND The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because of the need for confidentiality when considering matters concerning individual officers and obtaining confidential legal advice

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Employment (Appeals) Committee held on 20 June 2022, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

The Chair then proposed adjournment of the meeting until after the rising of County Council on 27 July 2022. If Council approved matters on its agenda on the 27th, then the Employment Appeals Committee would not need to progress the appointment of an independent investigator and would simply meet and adjourn. If Council did not approve matters on its agenda, then the EAC would consider the remaining business on today's agenda.

This was seconded by Councillor Reid.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to 27 July 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 1.07 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____