

SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 2nd February, 2026.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor L. Burnett (Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, E. Goodjohn, Dr. I.J. Johnson and E. Williams.

Also present: Councillor R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language).

644 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Principal Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

645 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor B.E. Brooks (Vice-Chair).

646 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January, 2026 be approved as a correct record.

647 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

648 RECRUITMENT TO HEAD OF STRATEGY, COMMUNITY LEARNING AND RESOURCES (CX) –

The report before Committee was to consider the interview stage of recruitment to the post of Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources.

The report sought to recruit to the post by basis of an interim appointment on a fixed term or secondment basis until 1st August, 2027, where Members would be asked to confirm a suitable candidate for the post in private deliberation.

Full details of applicants, the interview approach and presentation topic would be shared with the Committee in private deliberation.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T interviews for the post of Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources be conducted to determine whether a suitable candidate should be appointed.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Learning and Skills, for any residual appointment matters should a suitable candidate be confirmed by the Committee.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure an appointment to the post is conducted in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- (2) To ensure the Council's strategic and operational responsibilities within this service area continue to be met.

649 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under 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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

650 RECRUITMENT TO HEAD OF STRATEGY, COMMUNITY LEARNING AND RESOURCES (CX) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 15) –

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RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the content of the report be noted and recruitment to the post of Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources be progressed on an interim basis until 1st August 2027.
- (2) T H A T Matthew Curtis be appointed to the interim post of Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Learning and Skills, for any residual appointment matters.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow recruitment to the post.
- (2) In accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- (3) To ensure that all Council functions are met within the Directorate area.