

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin and by video conference on Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors Joan Butterfield, Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Ann Davies, Karen Edwards, Pauline Edwards, James Elson, Chris Evans, Hugh Evans, Bobby Feeley, Gill German, Jon Harland, Elen Heaton, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Martyn Hogg, Alan Hughes, Hugh Irving, Alan James, Delyth Jones, Diane King, Julie Matthews, Jason McLellan, Barry Mellor, Terry Mendies, Win Mullen-James, Merfyn Parry, Pete Prendergast (Chair), Arwel Roberts, Gareth Sandilands, Peter Scott (Vice-Chair), Rhys Thomas, Andrea Tomlin, Cheryl Williams, Emrys Wynne and Mark Young

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive (GB); Corporate Director: Governance and Business/Monitoring Officer (GW); Interim Head of HR (LD); Lead HR Business Partner – Organisational Development, and Senior Committee Administrator (KEJ)

1 APOLOGIES

Councillors Michelle Blakeley-Walker, Ellie Chard, Kelly Clewett, Gwyneth Ellis, Carol Holliday and Elfed Williams.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest had been raised.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A 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 would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

3 APPOINTMENT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE AND AUDIT (SECTION 151)

The Leader of the Council and Interim Head of HR reported on the recruitment process undertaken for the post and provided details of the Special Appointments Panel and assessment activities used to evaluate candidates.

The Special Appointments Panel had identified one candidate who was potentially suitable for appointing and who had been invited to attend the Council meeting.

The candidate delivered a presentation to Council and responded to questions from members. After the candidate had left the meeting, members discussed the presentation and responses to questions.

RESOLVED that Elizabeth Thomas be appointed to the post of Head of Finance and Audit (Section 151).

The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm.