

## **Special Committee Re: Director for Children and Families**

Thursday 8 February 2024

**14:00**

Staffordshire Room, County Buildings, Stafford

John Tradewell  
Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services  
31 January 2024

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### **Agenda**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2023** (Pages 3 - 4)
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Exclusion of the Public**

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below”.

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### **PART TWO**

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5. **Appointment of Director for Children and Families - Shortlisting** (Pages 5 - 78)  
(Exclusion paragraph 1)

<b>Membership</b>	
Charlotte Atkins Philippa Haden Phil Hewitt	Jonathan Price Mark Sutton

## **Notes for Members of the Press and Public**

### **Recording by Press and Public**

Recording (including by the use of social media) by the Press and Public is permitted from the public seating area provided it does not, in the opinion of the chairman, disrupt the meeting.



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Committee Re: Director for Children and Families held on 14 December 2023**

<b>Attendance</b>	
Charlotte Atkins	Jonathan Price
Philippa Haden	Mark Sutton
Phil Hewitt	

**Part One**

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

**RESOLVED** – That Cllr Sutton be appointed as Chairman of the Committee.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**3. Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED** - That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated.

**PART TWO**

**4. Director for Children and Families**

(Exemption paragraph 1)

The Special Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive seeking approval to an extension to the current contract held by Neelam Bhardwaja in the post of Interim Director for Children and Families; and the commencement of the selection process to permanently recruit to the post of Director for Children and Families.

**Resolved** – (a) That a further extension to Neelam Bhardwaja’s fixed term contract, whilst arrangements are made to recruit to the permanent post of Director for Children and Families, be agreed. (This will provide continuity of leadership for Children and Families and facilitate a handover to the successful candidate).

(b) That the commencement of selection process to recruit to the post of

Director for Children and Families on a permanent basis be approved.

**Chairman**

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