

**Minutes of the Extraordinary County Council Meeting held
on 13 April 2023**

Attendance

Charlotte Atkins	Philip Hudson	Bob Spencer
Philip Atkins, OBE	Graham Hutton	Mike Sutherland
Gill Burnett	Peter Kruskonjic	Mark Sutton
Tina Clements	Tom Loughbrough-Rudd	Stephen Sweeney
Richard Cox	Johnny McMahon	Simon Tagg
Mike Davies	Paul Northcott	Samantha Thompson
Mark Deaville	Kath Perry, MBE	Carolyn Trowbridge
Janet Eagland	Jeremy Pert	Alan White
Ann Edgeller	Bernard Peters	Philip White
Alex Farrell	Jonathan Price	Bernard Williams
Keith Flunder	Robert Pritchard	David Williams
John Francis	James Salisbury	Victoria Wilson
Philippa Haden	Janice Silvester-Hall	Mark Winnington
Phil Hewitt	David Smith	Nigel Yates
Derrick Huckfield	Paul Snape (Chairman)	

Apologies for absence: Colin Greatorex, Gill Heath, Syed Hussain, Julia Jessel, Jill Waring, Mike Wilcox and Conor Wileman.

PART ONE

57. Declarations of Interest under Standing Order 16

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

58. Exclusion of the Public

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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 below.

PART TWO

**59. Appointment of New Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service
(Exemption paragraph 1)**

The Council considered the recommendations of the Special Committee set up to appoint a successor to John Henderson who was to retire from his Position of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service with the Authority.

Councillor Alan White gave Members a brief overview of the selection process which he explained had been extensive, thorough and robust. He concluded by indicating that, at its meeting on 27 March 2023, the Special Committee had resolved that it be recommended to the County Council that Patrick Flaherty (currently Chief Executive at the London Borough of Harrow), be offered the position of Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service with the County Council.

In response to a question from Councillor Hutton as to why Mr Flaherty had applied for the post after spending less than 12 months as the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Harrow, the Chairman indicated that Mr Flaherty was originally from Staffordshire and wished to return.

Following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED - That the appointment of Patrick Flaherty, the recommended candidate, as the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service of the County Council be approved and that the Committee offer the appointment to that candidate on the terms and conditions agreed by them, to commence on a date to be agreed with that candidate by the Assistant Director for People Services (in consultation with the Chairman and Leader of the Council).

Chairman