

Minutes



Appointment Committee

7th February 2022

Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Councillor J Abbott	Yes	Councillor J McKee	Yes
Councillor G Butland (Chairman)	Yes	Councillor M Radley	Yes
Councillor T Cunningham	Yes	Councillor Mrs G Spray	Yes

Officers in attendance: Chris Fleetham, Corporate Director (Finance), Jessica Mann, Governance and Members Officer (Minutes), Emma Wisbey, Governance and Members Manager and Andy Wright, Chief Executive.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

3. **APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE ROLE OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

INFORMATION: Members were informed that as Chris Fleetham, Corporate Director, was due to retire with his last working day on 24th February 2022, there was a need for the Authority to appoint a new Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) for the Authority. The Local Government Act 1972 required every Local Authority to appoint a suitably qualified responsible officer for the proper administration of its financial affairs. Section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 also required that the officer appointed as the S151 Officer must be a member of a specified accountancy body.

Phil Myers was appointed as the Authority's Head of Finance on 1st September 2021, having worked for the Council for 40 years, and having been a qualified accountant since 1991. The wide breadth of Phil Myers' knowledge and experience of the organisation, as well as his understanding of the S151 Officer responsibilities, made him an ideal candidate for the role. Members were further advised that since his appointment as Head of Finance, Phil Myers had been shadowing the current Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) in the execution of those statutory duties falling to the role

DECISION: The Committee agreed to make a recommendation to Council that Mr Philip Myers, Head of Financial Services, be appointed as Braintree District Council's (the Council) Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) with effect from the 22nd February 2022.

REASONS FOR DECISION: To appraise the Appointments Committee (the Committee) of the requirement to appoint a Chief Financial Officer and to agree to make a recommendation to Council on 21st February 2022 for the appointment to the role.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 6.06pm.

G BUTLAND
(Chairman)