



**MINUTES of
APPOINTMENTS BOARD
11 OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

Leader of the Council	Councillor R H Siddall
Leaders of the Opposition	Councillors J Driver and M E Thompson (Substitute for S J N Morgan)
Chairperson of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee	Councillor W Stamp

349. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Councillor R H Siddall be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

IN THE CHAIR : COUNCILLOR R H SIDDALL

350. CHAIRPERSON'S NOTICES

The Chairman drew attention to the notice published on the agenda.

351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION NOTICE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors V J Bell, M F L Durham CC and S J N Morgan. In accordance with notice duly given Councillor M E Thompson was attending as a substitute for Councillor Morgan.

352. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were none.

353. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

354. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:11pm.

355. RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED that the meeting of the Appointments Board be resumed at 1:13pm in closed session.

356. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (SECTION 151 OFFICER)

The Board considered the report of the Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance together with the job description and curriculum vitae for those candidates shortlisted for interview in respect of the role of Interim Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer).

The Board then conducted an interview with the first shortlisted candidate.

RESOLVED that Benjamin Cookson be appointed as Interim Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) of the Maldon District Council.

357. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00pm for a short break.

358. RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED that the meeting of the Appointments Board be resumed at 3:20pm in closed session.

359. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Board considered the report of the Monitoring Officer providing background information regarding appointment of a Deputy Chief Executive.

The role of Deputy Chief Executive was a new role to the Council and responded to the Council's resolution on 29 May 2024 to replace the three Director model with a Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive. The report provided some background information regarding the role and a copy of the job description was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED that Paul Dodson be appointed into the role of Deputy Chief Executive.

There being no other items of business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 3.27 pm.

R H SIDDALL
CHAIRPERSON