**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**ITEM x**

**Appointment and Employment Panel for Statutory Officers**

**Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 7 February in Cross Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland PR25 1DH**

**Present:-**

Councillors Foster, Howarth, Hughes, Mullineaux, Snape and Titherington

**In Attendance:-**

Jean Hunter (Interim Chief Executive) and Andy Houlker (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

**Public Attendance: -** 0

**Other Members and Officers: -** 0

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| **Minute**  **No.** | **Description/Resolution** |
| 1 | **Appointment of Chairman**  RESOLVED (unanimously) that:  Councillor Mullineaux be appointed chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17.  Councillor Mullineaux took the chair. |
| 2 | **Appointment of Vice-chairman**  RESOLVED (unanimously) that:  Councillor Foster be appointed vice-chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17. |
| 3 | **Apologies for Absence**  There were no apologies for absence as all members of the committee were present. |
| 4 | **Declarations of Interest**  There were no declarations of interest. |
| 5 | **Exclusion of Press and Public**  RESOLVED (unanimously): that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as they involves the discussion of information which is defined as exempt from publication under paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and in which case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. |
| 6 | **Appointment of a Permanent Chief Executive**  The committee considered a report initiating the process for the council’s recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive and the current position regarding the role of the Section 151 Officer and of Head of Paid Service together with other relevant matters.  The committee’s discussion included the possibility of appointing a shared Chief Executive. However, it felt that in the current circumstances it was appropriate for the council to recruit a permanent dedicated Chief Executive. The committee considered the different approaches to the recruitment process. It was also felt that members were better placed concentrating on the selection process from applicants for the post of permanent dedicated Chief Executive rather than that of the executive search agencies. Therefore it was felt appropriate to delegate the invitation of and the subsequent of an executive search agency to the Interim Chief Executive.  RESOLVED (unanimously): that   1. it was the intention to proceed with the recruitment of a permanent dedicated Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, with other arrangements to be made for a Section 151 Officer; and 2. delegated authority be given to the Interim Chief Executive to invite executive search agencies to bid and then select the successful agency for the recruitment of a permanent dedicated Chief Executive. |

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The meeting finished at 6.10pm