

NOTICE OF MEETING

APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Wednesday, 15th January, 2025, 12.30 pm (or on the rise of the Interview Panel whatever is the later) - George Meehan House 294 High Road N22 8JZ

Councillors: Peray Ahmet (Chair), Amin, Dana Carlin, Marsha Isilar-Gosling and Cressida Johnson (Vice-Chair)

Quorum: 3

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2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items of Urgent Business will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items of Urgent Business will be dealt with under agenda item below. New items of exempt Urgent Business will be dealt with at agenda item below).

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is

considered:

(i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and

(ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

5. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF PLACEMAKING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PAGES 1 - 4)

6. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

As per item 3.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 8 allows for consideration of exempt information in relation to item 5.

TO RESOLVE

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as items 8 to 9 contain exempt information as defined under paragraphs 1 and 2, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

Information relating to an individual.

Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

8. EXEMPT APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF PLACEMAKING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To consider exempt information pertaining to item 5.

9. EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

As per item 3.

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Report for: Appointments Panel – 15th January 2025

Title: Appointment to the post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development

Report authorised by: Andy Donald, Chief Executive and Jess Crowe, Director of Culture, Strategy and Engagement

Lead Officer: Sunny Rana, Recruitment Business Manager,
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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for: Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. The recruitment and selection campaign for Director of Placemaking and Community Development, began in November 2024 with a closing date of 8th December 2024. 47 candidates applied for the role and 4 were taken through to the technical interview stage of the process and put forward for members to shortlist on Tuesday 17th December 2024. Following the members review of the 4 candidates to be presented, 2 candidates were selected to take part in the final assessment stage on the 9th January 2025, which will include informal conversations with both Andy Donald, Chief Executive and Jess Crowe, Director of Culture, Strategy and Engagement, and 2 Stakeholder Interview Panels. The final member panel interviews are being held on the 15th January 2025
- 1.2. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 and Part 4 Section K of the Council's Constitution applicable at the time of advertisement, the Appointments Panel is required to discharge the Council's functions in respect of the appointment of a suitable candidate to the post the Director of Finance.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. To consider the recommendations of the Member Panel and appoint a suitable candidate to the post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development subject to the objections process of the Cabinet whereby the Appointments Panel may only make the offer of appointment of the Director of Placemaking and Community Development when:
 - (a) no objection has been made by any member of the Cabinet, or
 - (b) if any objection is made, the Appointments Panel has declared itself satisfied that the objection is not material or well-founded.

- 3.2. Subject to (3.1) above, to agree that the appointment of the candidate to the post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development be on the salary that is proposed to the Appointments Panel by the Member Panel. This will be HB1 in the range of £112,202 - £130,185 as set out in the Council's Pay Policy Statement.
- 3.3. Subject to (3.1) above, any appointment made will take effect when the appointed candidate accepts in writing the contract of employment offered to him/her by the Council.
- 3.4. To agree that, if the successful candidate decides not to accept the role for any reason and there is an alternative appointable candidate recommended by the Member Panel, that this candidate is appointed to the role subject to (3.1), (3.2), and (3.3) above.

4. Reason for decision

- 4.1. To fill a senior post in the Council's organisation structure which is responsible for leading the delivery of services within the accountabilities of the role.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1. To fill this role on a temporary basis. However, this would not have been as cost effective nor offer the service the stability of a permanent appointment.

6. Background information

- 6.1. The recruitment and selection process for the Director of Placemaking and Community Development as follows:
 - (a) In November 2024, the Council utilised their internal recruitment team to undertake a campaign of advertising for the post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development. The advert had a closing date of 8th December. 47 candidates applied for the role and 4 were taken through to the technical interview stage of the process. These candidates were presented to the members to shortlist
 - (b) Following the review of the longlist on Tuesday 17th December, the members selected 2 candidates to take through to the to take through to the next stages the Stakeholder Assessment day which will include separate informal conversation Andy Donald, Chief Executive and Jess Crowe, Director of Culture, Strategy and Engagement and 2 separate Stakeholder Panels all of which will take place on 9th January 2025.
 - I. Separate Informal conversations with Andy Donald, Chief Executive and Jess Crowe, Director of Culture, Strategy and Engagement on Thursday 9th January 2025.
 - II. Candidates stakeholder assessment day on Thursday 9th January 2025 (Internal and External Stakeholder Panels)

- III. The final interviews will be with the Member Panel: The Leader, Cllr Peray Ahmet, Cllr Cressida Johnson, Cllr Ruth Gordon, Cllr Ajda Ovat and Cllr Dawn Barnes and will take place on the 15th January 2025.
 - IV. The post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development has a proposed salary which is within a pay range of £112,202 - £130,185 and is recognised as a HB1 role within the Council's Senior Leadership pay bands.
 - V. In accordance with the Council's Pay Policy Statement, if the appointee salary will be in excess of £100,000 per annum, it has to be agreed by the Appointments Panel.
- 6.2. The recommendation that the appointment will take effect if and when the appointed candidate accepts in writing the contract of employment offered to him / her by the Council is intended to ensure that the appointed candidate signs up to the contract of employment which the Council offers him / her.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1. The post of Director of Placemaking and Community Development a key role and part of the strategic leadership of the Council, responsible for the delivery of Council priorities and the Borough Plan.

8. Statutory Officers' comments

Finance (including Procurement)

- 8.1. The cost of the post Director of Placemaking and Community Development within the range set out above, can be met from the approved budget for this post.

Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

- 8.2. A local authority shall appoint such officers as it thinks necessary for the proper discharge by the authority of such of their functions (section 112 Local Government Act 1972).
- 8.3. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 ("the 2001 Regulations") and Part 4 Section K of the Council's Constitution, any proposed appointment to the post referred to in this report will be required to be appointed by this Committee. In addition, the 2001 Regulations state that where a committee or a sub-committee of the council is discharging the function of appointment on behalf of the authority, at least one member of the cabinet must be a member of that committee or sub-committee.
- 8.4. The offer of appointment of the Director of Placemaking and Community Development shall only be made where:
- (i) no objection has been made by any member of the Cabinet, or
 - (ii) if any objection is made, the Appointments Panel has declared itself satisfied that the objection is not material or well-founded.
- 8.5. In accordance with the Council's Pay Policy Statement and Part 3 Section B of the Constitution, where it is proposed to appoint an officer and the proposed

salary is £100,000 per annum or more, the Appointments Panel must consider and approve the proposed salary.

- 8.6. Under section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, every appointment to a paid office or employment to a Council post must be made on merit.

9. Use of Appendices

- 9.1. Not applicable.

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1. Not applicable.