
CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 25/03/26

Attendance:

Cllr Ioan Thomas (Chair)
Cllr Medwyn Hughes (Vice-chair)

Councillors: Elwyn Jones, June Jones, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Dyfrig Siencyn and Menna Trenholme

Officers: Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services), Catrin Thomas (Corporate Director), Eleri Jones (Human Resources Advisory Services Manager), Lowri Haf Evans and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officers)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Annwen Hughes, Nia Jeffreys, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Gwynfor Owen, Angela Russell and Wendy Cleaver.

Disappointment was expressed that a significant number had apologised for not attending the Committee for a number of valid reasons. The hope for the future was to see better representation at these meetings as the presence of Members was crucial to ensuring robust and transparent processes.

Eleri Jones was welcomed to the meeting and congratulated on her appointment as Human Resources Advisory Services Manager. Best wishes were relayed to her in her new role.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of a meeting of this committee held on 12 March 2026 as a true record.

5. EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12, Section 4, Schedule 12A, Local

Government Act 1972. This paragraph is relevant as the report contains information about specific individuals who have the right to privacy. There is no public interest that calls for disclosing personal information about these individuals. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

6. INTERVIEW FOR INTERIM HEAD OF CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

The order of the day was confirmed with the Members.

One applicant was interviewed for the post of (Interim) Head of Children and Supporting Families Department.

The applicant was invited to give a presentation of between 10 and 15 minutes on the subject,

“How can assurance be provided on the Children's Department's service effectiveness, quality of social work and safe operation?”.

The applicant responded to five formal questions asked by the Chair, Councillor Ioan Thomas, along with supplementary questions from Members.

At the end of the interview, the applicant withdrew from the room.

Mr Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services) was invited to provide brief feedback on the applicant's performance in a professional interview with him and Catrin Thomas (Corporate Director) with Cllr Menna Trenholme (Cabinet Member for the Children and Supporting Families Department) observing. It was explained that psychological tests and exercises had not been undertaken as this was a temporary appointment.

The presentation and the applicant's response to the questions were discussed.

It was proposed and seconded to offer the post to Sharron Williams Carter.

RESOLVED to appoint Sharron Williams Carter to the post of (Interim) Head of Children and Supporting Families Department.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.50 am

CHAIRMAN