
CHIEF OFFICERS' APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE 12-03-2026

Attendance: Councillor Ioan Thomas (Chair)
Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Vice-chair)

Councillors: Elwyn Jones, June Jones, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Nia Jeffreys, Beth Lawton, Cai Larsen, and Angela Russell

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Wendy Cleaver, Annwen Hughes, Dafydd Meurig, Gwynfor Owen, Dyfrig Siencyn and Menna Trenholme, and Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive)

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of a meeting of this committee held on 11 February 2026 as a true record.

5. EXCLUSION OF 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 applies 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. DRAWING UP A SHORTLIST FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF (INTERIM) HEAD OF CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

The Statutory Director of Social Services presented a brief summary of the reasoning for the advertisement and the responsibilities of the post. He highlighted that the current arrangements of filling the gap in the absence of the Head of the Children and Supporting Families Department were unsustainable and that a responsible and accountable Head was needed to lead; with the appointment of an interim Head, this would allow for other vacancies within the Department to be filled retrospectively and the establishment of a robust structure for the service.

One application was reported to have been received.

It was considered that the application responded to the requirements of the position and key competencies.

It was proposed and seconded that the one candidate be shortlisted.

RESOLVED:

TO PLACE ONE CANDIDATE ON THE SHORTLIST FOR THE POSITION OF (INTERIM) HEAD OF CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

The meeting started at 3:00pm and ended at 3:20pm