

**Minutes of the meeting of Employment Panel held at  
Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE  
on Thursday 23 April 2026 at 9.00 am**

**Present:** Councillor Jonathan Lester (chairperson)  
Councillor Liz Harvey (vice-chairperson)

**Councillors:** Ivan Powell, Pete Stoddart and Stef Simmons

**Officers:** Director of HR and OD, Democratic Services Officer

**42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Clare Davies and Terry James.

**43. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)**

Councillor Ivan Powell was present as a substitute for Councillor Clare Davies.

**44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**45. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

**46. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions had been received from members of the public.

**47. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

No questions had been received from councillors.

**48. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**RESOLVED**

**That subject to no valid objections being received from cabinet members by midday on 24 April 2026 Paul Satoor is recommended to Council as the candidate to be appointed as the council's Chief Executive and head of paid service.**

The meeting ended at 9.44 am

**Chairperson**