

**Minutes of the meeting of Employment panel held at  
Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE  
on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Councillor David Hitchiner (chairperson)  
Councillors: Liz Harvey, Terry James and Trish Marsh

**Officers:** Chief Executive and HR Business Partner

**44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellie Chowns and Councillor Tony Johnson.

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

Councillor Trish Marsh as a substitute for Councillor Ellie Chowns.

**46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**47. MINUTES (To Follow)**

As the name of the individual appointed as the corporate director economy and environment had not been made public at the time of the meeting the minutes of the previous meeting had not been published and would be carried forward to the next meeting for approval.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

**49. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no questions from councillors.

**50. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Resolved that:**

**Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act (as amended) as indicated below. The item discloses information in relation to an individual or individuals.**

After a national search and robust selection process, including final interviews on Friday 19 November 2021, the employment panel agreed the following course of action in respect of the appointment of the Council's Director of Public Health.

**Resolved that:**

- a) Subject to no valid objections being received from cabinet members by 4:00pm on 25 November Matthew Pearce is appointed as the Council's Director of Public Health.**

The meeting ended at 10.37 am

**Chairperson**