

AT A MEETING of the HFRA Appointment Committee of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2019

Chairman:

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| * Councillor Christopher Carter | * Councillor Liz Fairhurst |
| * Councillor Roz Chadd | * Councillor Sharon Mintoff |
| | * Councillor Roger Price |

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other personal interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

3. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations for the meeting.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

5. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following items of business, as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the reports.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

The Committee considered the appointment of a new Deputy Chief Fire Officer. Following extensive testing and interviews, two very strong candidates remained and members agreed that both had a lot to offer Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Members agreed that awareness of community risk and engagement was a crucial part of the role, along with a good strategic understanding going forward. Both of the final candidates interviewed that day had many strengths in different areas and Members were pleased to see such a high calibre of applicants from different areas and organisations.

RESOLVED:

The Appointment Committee:

- a) Unanimously agreed to appoint Deputy Commissioner Steve Apter as the new Deputy Chief Fire Officer for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- b) Agreed that details relating to the start date and handover arrangements be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer.

Chairman,