

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENT, MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING
9 AUGUST 2024**

Held at the South Downs Centre, Midhurst at 5.00pm

Present: Vanessa Rowlands (Chair), Heather Baker, Tim Burr, Janet Duncton, Melanie Hunt

SDNPA Officers: Vicky Paterson (HR Manager), Richard Sandiford (Head of Governance)

ITEM 1: Apologies for Absence

18 There were none.

ITEM 2: Declarations of Interest

19 There were none.

ITEM 3: Urgent Matters

20 There were none

ITEM 4: Public Participation

21 There was none.

ITEM 5: Exclusion of Press and Public

22 It was proposed and seconded in respect of Agenda Item 6 that the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the basis that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if a member of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to any individual, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exempt information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out.

23 **RESOLVED:**

That the Committee move into private session for Agenda Item 6 and exclude any members of the public and press from the meeting.

PART II EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

24 The meeting was closed to the public, including the press, and moved into private session at 5.02pm.

ITEM 6: Appointment of the Chief Executive

25 Members considered and discussed the matters before them.

26 **RESOLVED:**

The Committee:

1. **Agreed the preferred candidate for appointment as Chief Executive from the list of the six persons at Appendix I;**
2. **Agreed the reserve candidate for appointment as Chief Executive from the list of the six persons at Appendix I;**
3. **Recommended to the National Park Authority the appointment of the preferred candidate as Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, and National Park Officer;**

4. **Agreed that, should the preferred candidate not accept the offer of employment, the reserve candidate would be recommended to the National Park Authority for appointment as Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, and National Park Officer;**
5. **Agreed the terms and conditions of the Chief Executive as set out at Appendix 2.**
6. **Agreed the remuneration of the Chief Executive will be made in line with the pay policy of the South Downs National Park Authority, as set out in paragraph 3.8 of this report, and delegate Authority to the Human Resources Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Appointments, Management and Standards Committee, to agree the final remuneration and any relocation costs for the Chief Executive; and,**
7. **Delegated Authority to the Human Resources Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Appointments, Management and Standards Committee, to agree the start date for the Chief Executive.**

27 The meeting closed at 6.01pm.

Chair

Signed: _____