Minutes of a meeting of the Appointments Committee on Friday 28 November 2025



Committee members present:

Councillor Brown Councillor Turner
Councillor Smowton

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Caroline Green, Chief Executive

Tom Hook, Deputy Chief Executive - Citizen and City Services

Apologies:

Councillor(s) Fouweather, Powell and Harley sent apologies. Substitutes are shown above.

No apologies were received

5. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Appointments Committee)

Councillor Susan Brown was appointed as the Chair of the Appointments Committee for 2025-2026.

6. Apologies for absence and substitutions (Appointments Committee)

Councillor Fouweather sent apologies; Councillor Smowton substituted. Councillors Powell and Harley sent apologies.

7. Minutes (Appointments Committee)

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2026.

8. Appointment to Group Finance Director

The Committee agreed to exclude the press and public in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee interviewed the candidates for the interim Group Finance Director.

The Appointments Committee resolved to:

- a) **Agree** the selection of Alistair Rush as the preferred candidate for the post of Interim Group Finance Director.
- b) **Recommend** to Council that Alistair Rush is designated Section 151 Officer with effect from 5 April 2026.
- c) Delegate the making of an offer and the agreement of all terms and conditions including salary to the Chief Executive, subject to confirmation within a time set by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy that no member of the Cabinet has any objection to the appointment, or the Appointments Committee is satisfied that any objection is not material or well-founded (Constitution Parts 7.8 and 20.6).

The meeting started at 11.30 am and ended at 4.50 pm

Chair	Date: Thursday 11 June
2026	

When decisions take effect:

Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired

Planning Committees: after the call-in and review period has expired and the formal

decision notice is issued

All other committees: immediately.

Details are in the Council's Constitution.