

**Council****Thursday, 7 December 2017, County Hall, Worcester - 10.00 am****Minutes****Present:**

Mrs A T Hingley (Chairman), Mr A A J Adams, Mr R C Adams, Ms P Agar, Mr A T Amos, Mr T Baker-Price, Mr R W Banks, Mr R M Bennett, Mr G R Brookes, Mrs J A Brunner, Mr B Clayton, Mr P Denham, Ms R L Dent, Mr A Fry, Mr S E Geraghty, Mr P Grove, Mr I D Hardiman, Mr A I Hardman, Mr P B Harrison, Mr M J Hart, Ms P A Hill, Mrs L C Hodgson, Dr A J Hopkins, Mr P M McDonald, Ms K J May, Mr P Middlebrough, Mr A P Miller, Mr R J Morris, Mr J A D O'Donnell, Ms T L Onslow, Dr K A Pollock, Mrs J A Potter, Prof J W Raine, Mr A C Roberts, Mr C Rogers, Mr J H Smith, Mr A Stafford, Mr C B Taylor, Mr R P Tomlinson, Mrs E B Tucker, Mr P A Tuthill, Ms R Vale and Ms S A Webb

**Available papers**

The Members had before them the Agenda papers (previously circulated).

**1957 Apologies and Declaration of Interests (Agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received from Mr C J Bloore, Mr N Desmond, Mrs E A Eyre, D C Hotham, Mr M E Jenkins, Mr A D Kent, Mr R C Lunn, Mr S M Mackay, Mr L C R Mallett, Mrs F M Oborski, Mrs M A Rayner, Ms C M Stalker, and Mr R M Udall.

**1958 Chairman's Announcements (Agenda item 2)**

None.

**1959 Appointment of Chief Executive (Agenda item 3)**

The Council considered the appointment of a Chief Executive.

The recommendation set out in the agenda papers was moved by Mr S E Geraghty and seconded by Mr A I Hardman.

In the ensuing debate, the following principal points were raised:

- The Leader of the Council introduced the report and commented that the appointment of Paul Robinson as Chief Executive had been unanimously recommended by the cross-party

Appointments Etc. Panel. He set out details of the appointments process and provided a brief outline of Mr Robinson's career

- Concern was expressed that following a press release the public and press had been given the wrong impression that the appointment to the position of Chief Executive had already been agreed. This press release had undermined the decision-making powers of Council.

There was unanimous support for the appointment.

**RESOLVED that the appointment of Paul Robinson as Chief Executive be approved.**

The meeting ended at 10.15am.

Chairman .....