

**HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY  
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**26 NOVEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Briggs (Chairperson), Gemmell OBE, Ibson, Mole, Quinn, Swift and T. Walker.

Councillors Baxter, Mrs Engall CBE, S. Walker and Whittle joined the Appointments Committee to receive the candidates' presentations.

The Secretary/Director of People was present for Minutes 4332 and 4333 and then left the meeting, returning at the end of the meeting to advise on procedure with regard to Minute 4336. The Committee manager was present throughout the proceedings. The Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive was invited to join the meeting to be informed of the Committee's recommendations.

The meeting was held at Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kingston upon Hull. Meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m.

**4332 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations.

**4333 MINUTES – Resolved** – That the minutes of the Committee held on 29 October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

**4334 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC - Resolved** - That the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following items (Minutes 4335 and 4336) on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

*(In passing this resolution the Committee was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information).*

**4335 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER & CHIEF EXECUTIVE** - The Committee having interviewed the candidates and the Fire Authority having received presentations from the candidates, agreed to recommend that Mr D Sanders be appointed as Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive.

**Resolved** – That subject to ratification by the Fire Authority on 16 December 2013, Mr D Sanders be appointed Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive (appointment to take effect on 1 April 2014).

**4336 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FIRE OFFICER** - The Committee then discussed the subsequent filling of the resultant vacant post of Deputy Fire Officer/Director of Operations. The Secretary/Director of People advised that provided that a case existed to undertake an internal only process, then the Appointments Committee could make a recommendation to the full Authority, albeit that the Appointments Committee had been charged with the task of making a Deputy Chief Officer appointment by the Authority. The Committee considered that the post should be filled internally. The Committee also recognised that in that event the only eligible applicant would be Mr C Blacksell who had just been interviewed for the post of Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive. The Committee agreed that in these circumstances it would be appropriate to recommend that Mr C Blacksell be appointed as Deputy Fire Officer.

**Resolved** – That it be a recommendation to the Fire Authority on 16 December 2013 that Mr C Blacksell be appointed Deputy Fire Officer/Director of Operations (appointment to take effect on 1 April 2014).

*(Meeting closed at 1.38pm)*

