

Appointments Panel

Agenda

23 July 2026

Time: 10.30am

Location: Council Chamber

Members: Appointments Panel

Councillors B Harrison, G Harrison, Holbrook, Little (C), Napper, Roy, Scarborough and Wiley

Children's Services Committee Chair – Councillor Lindridge

1. Apologies for absence

2. To receive any declarations by members

3. Minutes

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2026 and 23 March 2026.

4. Items for information

4.1. None.

5. Any other business which the chair considers urgent

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6. Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006

Exempt items

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

7. Items requiring decision

- 7.1. Appointment of Assistant Director of Children and Families and Assistant Director of Education, Aspirations and Achievement – *Executive Director of Children's Services*

8. Any other confidential items which the chairman considers urgent

For information

Date of next meeting – TBC

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Minutes and Decision Record

17th March 2026

Meeting commenced

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Committee Room C, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Carole Thompson (In the Chair)

Councillors: Bob Buchan, Brenda Harrison and Sue Little

Also present: Councillor Michael Jorgeson as substitute for Councillor Moss Boddy in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2.

Rachel Johns, Deputy Regional Director of Public Health for NHS England and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities for Northeast and Yorkshire

Sarah Muckle, Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities

Officers: Jill Harrison, Executive Director of Adult Services & Public Health

Gillian Laight, Human Resources Manager

Angela Lucas, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

Jo Stubbs, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

38. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Gary Allen, Moss Boddy, Pamela Hargreaves, Melanie Morley and Karen Oliver.

39. Declarations of Interest

None

- 40.** Minutes of the meetings held on 14th January 2026, 22nd January 2026, 27th January 2026 and 28th January 2026
Approved

- 41.** Items for Information
None

- 42.** Any Other Business which the Chair considers urgent
None

- 43.** Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006
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Item 44 – Appointment of Director of Public Health - This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely (paras 1 and 2), information relating an individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

- 44.** Appointment of the Director of Public Health

Purpose of report

To enable members to shortlist the candidates for the post of Director of Public Health

Issue(s) for consideration

Details are set out in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

The meeting concluded at 10.20 am

CHAIRMAN



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Councillors: Bob Buchan, Brenda Harrison and Sue Little

Also present: Councillor Michael Jorgeson as substitute for Councillor Moss Boddy in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2.

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45. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Gary Allen, Moss Boddy, Pamela Hargreaves, Melanie Morley and Karen Oliver.

46. Declarations of Interest

None

47. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2026

Deferred

48. Items for Information

None

49. Any Other Business which the Chair considers urgent

None

50. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

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51. Appointment of the Director of Public Health

Purpose of Report

To interview the candidate shortlisted for interview on 17th March 2026.

Issue(s) for consideration

Members interviewed the candidate shortlisted for interview for the appointment of the post of Director of Public Health. The candidate gave a presentation on a selected topic and answered questions that had been agreed by the Panel. The Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer left the meeting during the interview process, returning for the decision making.

Decision

Detailed in the closed minutes

The meeting concluded at 11.30 am

CHAIR