

Appointments Panel Agenda

21 September 2026

Time: 10.00 am

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 1st September 2026

4. Items requiring decision

No items

5. Items for information

No items

6. Any other business which the chair considers urgent

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

Exempt items

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8. Items requiring decision

- 8.1. Appointment to the posts of Assistant Director: Children and Families and Assistant Director: Education, Aspirations and Achievement (paras 1 and 2)
– *Executive Director of Children's Services*

9. Any other confidential items which the chairman considers urgent

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Minutes and Decision Record

1 September 2026

Meeting commenced

Time: 3.00 pm

Location: Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Sue Little (in the Chair)

Councillors Brenda Harrison, Graham Harrison, Phil Holbrook, Jim Lindridge, Amanda Napper and Martin Scarborough

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 Councillor Scott Gaiety was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Christine Wiley

Also Present: Amin Aziz and Anita Denton, Tile Hill

Officers: Hayley Martin, Director of Legal, Governance and HR

Alison Sutherland, Executive Director of Children's Services

Gillian Laight, Human Resources Manager

Angela Lucas, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

Jo Stubbs, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

6. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Aaron Roy and Christine Wiley

7. Declarations of Interest

All members present were familiar with some candidates.

8. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2026

Approved

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

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Item 10 – Longlisting – Appointment of Assistant Director of Children and Families and Assistant Director of Education, Aspirations and Achievement - 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

10. Longlisting – Appointment of Assistant Director of Children and Families and Assistant Director of Education, Aspirations and Achievement (*Executive Director of Children's Services*) 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.

Purpose of Report

To enable Members to longlist the candidates for the Assistant Director posts.

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 4:10 pm

CHAIR