

14. PRIVATE SESSION

The Board agreed, under Standing Order Appendix 2, Category 1, that the remaining item of business be taken in private on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information.

15. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – UPDATE

A report had been circulated by the Head of Corporate Services, West Lothian Council informing the Board of progress through the Appointments Committee of the appointments to the posts of Chief Officer (Director), Finance Officer (Section 95 Officer), Internal Auditor and Standards Officer, and to seek ratification of the appointments agreed.

The report recalled that on 8 December 2015 an Appointments Committee had been established to deal with appointments to the posts of Chief Officer (Director), Finance Officer (Section 95 Officer), Internal Auditor and Standards Officer.

The Appointments Committee had met on 26 January 2015 and the committee had agreed appointments to the posts of Internal Auditor and Standards Officer.

The Board then heard a verbal update in relation to the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 9 and 16 February 2016.

It was recommended that the Board:-

1. note that the Appointments Committee had met on 26 January 2016 and had agreed appointments to the posts of Internal Auditor and Standards Officer.
2. ratify the appointment of relevant council officers to those posts.
3. note the verbal update in relation to the posts of Chief Officer (Director) and Finance Officer (Section 95 Officer).

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report and the verbal update provided by the Director and the Standards Officer; and
2. To ratify the following appointments, as recommended by the Appointments Committee and verbally reported by the Standards Officer:-
  - the appointment of Kenneth Ribbons to the post of Internal Auditor and James Millar to the post of Standards Officer.
  - the appointment of Jim Forrest to the post of Chief Officer (Director) and Patrick Welsh to the post of Finance Officer (Section 95 Officer).