



Mayoral Committee

**Wednesday, 4 February 2026 10.00 a.m.
The Board Room - Municipal Building,
Widnes**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gill Ferguson'.

Interim Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones (Chair)
Councillor Robert Gilligan
Councillor Ged Philbin
Councillor Kevan Wainwright
Councillor Marie Wright

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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	<p>In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.</p>
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MAYORAL COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Mayoral Committee on Wednesday, 5 February 2025 at the DCBL Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Wainwright, V. Hill, Gilligan, Philbin and Wright

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Also in attendance: G. Ferguson and M. Reaney

**ITEM DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

	<i>Action</i>
MYR1 MINUTES	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2024 were taken a correct record.</p>
MYR2 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985	<p>The Board considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and 2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in

disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

MYR3 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2025/26

The Committee received a report of the Chief Executive, which requested the Committee to make a recommendation to Council with regard to the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2025/26 municipal year.

As per the Council's Mayoral Selection Guidelines it was recommended that Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones be appointed as Mayor and Councillor Pamela Wallace be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the 2025/26 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Council:

Chief Executive

- 1) that Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones be appointed as the Mayor for the 2025/26 Municipal Year; and
- 2) that Councillor Wallace be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Meeting ended at 10.14 a.m.

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