KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - MEMBER APPOINTMENT PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Personnel Committee - Member Appointment Panel held in the Cabinet Room - Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ on Monday, 11 May 2026.

PRESENT: Ms L Kemkaran (Chair), Ms S Emberson, Mrs G Foster, Mr C Hespe, Mr A Kennedy, Miss D Morton, Mr R G Streatfeild, MBE and Mr P Thomas (Substitute for Mr B Black)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Beer (Chief Executive), Mr B Watts (Deputy Chief Executive), Ms D Christie (Assistant Director People Operations) and Ms T Gubbins (HR OD Business Partner)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

8. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026
(Item 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chair.

9. Motion to exclude the Press and Public
(Item 4)

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10. Interviews for Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health
(Item 5)

(Mr Watts and Ms Gubbins were in attendance to present feedback from the Stakeholder Groups only)

(1) Members of the Panel had before them the application form and supporting information on the candidate who had been called for interview for the post of Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health.

(2) Following the interview the Panel discussed the views received from the Stakeholder Panels and the performance and merits of the candidate.

(3) The Panel came to the following unanimous decision.

RESOLVED that Helen Woodland be appointed to the post of Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health.