

Officer Employment Procedure Rules

1. Recruitment and appointment

The Council will follow its approved recruitment and selection procedures, including the preparation of job descriptions, person specifications and advertisements, when seeking to make officer appointments.

As part of the recruitment procedure the Council will make arrangements for a copy of the following declaration to be included in the recruitment information sent to all applicants:

'Under the Local Government Act 2000 you must declare in writing whether you are the parent, grandparent, partner, child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of an existing Member or officer of Burnley Borough Council; or the partner of such persons.

No candidate so related to a Member or officer will be appointed without the authority of the relevant chief officer or an officer nominated by him or her'.

Applicants will also be advised that the Council will disqualify any applicant who seeks the support of any Member for any appointment with the Council.

No Member will seek support for any person for any appointment with the Council.

2. Recruitment of Chief Executive/ Head of Paid Service and other officers on JNC Terms and Conditions.

Where the Council proposes to appoint the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service or any other officer on Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Executives and for Chief Officers of Local Authorities (JNC Terms and Conditions) it will prepare a job description, person specification and advert. Except where the position is to be advertised internally first the Council will make arrangements for the post to be advertised in such a way as to bring it to the attention of persons who are qualified to apply for it.

A committee of the Council, constituted as an Appointments Committee as set out in Paragraphs 4, 5 & 6, will be established to recruit the relevant Officers. The Head of People and Development, or in their absence the Strategic HR Consultant, will be appointed as the Proper Officer for the appointment and will advise the Appointments Committees.

Members of the Executive will have the opportunity to raise objections to decisions about the appointments of senior officers i.e. those on JNC Terms and conditions.

3. Appointment of Chief Executive/ Head of Paid Service- by Full Council

The Full Council will approve the appointment of the Chief Executive/ Head of Paid Service following the recommendation on the appointment by the Appointments Committee as set out in Paragraph 4. That committee must include at least one member of the Executive.

4. Appointment of Chief Executive/ Head of Paid Service

The Appointments Committee will comprise:

Leader;

Deputy Leader;

Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management; and
the Leaders of the two largest Opposition Groups.

Any of the above mentioned Appointment Committee members may nominate a substitute to take their place on the Committee.

Such substitute shall, save in the case of the Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management, be a member of the same political group as the member being substituted.

Any substitute nominated by the Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management shall be a member of the Council's Executive.

5. Appointment of officers on JNC Terms and Conditions (other than the Chief Executive or Heads of Service) – i.e. Chief Operating Officer.

The Appointments Committee will comprise:

Leader or Deputy Leader

Relevant Executive Member

Chair (Vice Chair as sub) of the Scrutiny Committee

Chief Executive

If, by the application of these Rules the membership of the Committee does not include at least one Member of an opposition group, then the Leader of largest opposition group (or their nominee) will be substituted for the Scrutiny place on the Committee.

6. Appointment of officers on JNC Terms and Conditions (other than the Chief Executive/ Head of the Paid Service or Directors) – i.e. Heads of Service

The Appointments Committee will comprise

Leader or Deputy Leader,

Relevant Executive Member; and

Chief Executive and/or Chief Operating Officer

Whichever of the Leader or Deputy are to be on the Appointments Committee, if they are also the Relevant Executive Member then another member of the Executive should be appointed to make up the three. The Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer may both sit on the Committee if this is relevant to the responsibilities of the post.

7. Other appointments

Appointment of assistants to political groups shall be made in accordance with the wishes of the political group.