APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 27 NOVEMBER 2003

(9:00 am to 6:45 pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Judge (in the Chair), Tariq Ahmad, Pauline

Abrams, Margaret Brierly, Danny Connellan, Andy Coles,

Samantha George, Ian Munn and David Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Eleanor Kelly (Interim Executive Director, Roderick O'Connor

(Acting Head of Human Resources), Julie Towers (Tribal

GWT) and Miriam Burton (Tribal GWT)

530 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

531 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2003

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November be agreed as a true record.

532 CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING BEYOND THREE HOURS

RESOLVED: That under paragraph 7(m) of part 4 of the constitution of the London Borough of Merton the meeting continue beyond three hours in duration.

533 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1072, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following two items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

534 APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE - INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT

Before the interviews the committee agreed the format to be followed in each interview and the questions to be put to each candidate.

Following the interviews and after discussion between the committee members it was moved by Councillor Judge and seconded by Councillor Williams and

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends to Council that Ged Curran be offered the position of Chief Executive. In the event that this offer is not taken up the Committee recommends to Council that the position not be readvertised and that Richard Rawes be offered the post.

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535 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED: (1) This part of the committee's decision is recorded in a minute which is exempt from disclosure.

(2) That the Acting Head of Human Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, be given delegated authority to confirm the terms and conditions of employment with the successful candidate.

At the conclusion of the meeting members recorded their appreciation to all of the candidates. They also wished to thank the stakeholders for their input, Tribal GWT for their assistance and Officers for bringing the procedure to a successful conclusion.