



**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>EDSENTIAL CIC DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The Policy and Resources Committee unanimously agreed on 11 September 2024 that Shareholder Board matters will be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee until further notice.

The Policy and Resources Committee can make any decision that might otherwise be handled by the Shareholder Board and any of its entities, given that the latter is a Subcommittee of the former.

Therefore, Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for reviewing the 'Reserved Matters' set out in the Shareholder Agreement entered into in respect of Edsential CIC, a company wholly owned equally by the Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council. For this report a reserved matter is set out for member consideration.

Edsential CIC has sought consent to appoint a new Director.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

This matter is not a Key Decision.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Policy and Resources Committee is recommended to approve the appointment of Peter Brown as Director of Edsential CIC.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

1.1 To ensure that the board of the company is appropriately representative of the constituency which the company serves.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

2.1 Peter Brown has been selected following a comprehensive recruitment process undertaken by the company, has been provisionally approved by the company's board of directors and is the company's nominee to sit on the Board. No alternatives have been considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 An extract of the Companies House Register of Directors of Edsential CIC is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

3.2 Peter Brown has submitted a short Biography which is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.

3.3 A letter of recommendation from Edsential is attached at Appendix 3

3.4 The Shareholder Agreement requires shareholder consent to the appointment of any new Directors.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no direct financial implication arising from the proposals set out within this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Approval of the appointments recommended by the company will render the board of the company compliant with the terms of the Shareholder Agreement as revised.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are no direct implications to staffing, ICT or Assets arising from the proposals within this report.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 The Company's ability to operate effectively may be compromised if a suitable Director to the Board of Directors is not appointed.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Not applicable

## 9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity.

9.2 There are no direct equality implications arising from the proposals set out within this report.

## 10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environment and climate implications arising from the proposals set out within this report.

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### APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Extract of the Companies House Register of Directors of Edsential CIC

Appendix 2: Peter Brown Biography

Appendix 3: Letter of recommendation from Edsential

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

Edsential Shareholder Agreement Wirral Council Plan 2023-2027

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

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### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
None.	

**Appendix 1:** Extract of the Companies House Register of Directors of Edsential CIC as at 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

ASHLEY, Alison Jean

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
Role	Director
Date of birth	March 1977
Appointed on	25 November 2021
Nationality	British
Country of residence	England
Occupation	Director Of Special Education

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BACKHOUSE, James Andrew

Correspondence address	Cheshire Lines Building, 6 Canning Street, Birkenhead, United Kingdom, CH41 1AU
Role	Director
Date of birth	February 1984
Appointed on	5 August 2021
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom
Occupation	Senior Officer - Local Government

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BRACKENBURY, Helen Elizabeth

Correspondence address	4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom, CH65 0BE
Role	Director
Date of birth	December 1973
Appointed on	16 September 2021
Nationality	British
Country of residence	England
Occupation	Director Of Children's Services

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MCGRADY, Ian Philip

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
Role	Director
Date of birth	November 1969
Appointed on	12 October 2015
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom
Occupation	None

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MCGUNIGALL, Elaine

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
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Role	Director
Date of birth	September 1965
Appointed on	1 September 2017
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom
Occupation	Headteacher

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OWENS, Jane Helen

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
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Role	Director
Date of birth	May 1953
Appointed on	8 August 2016
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom
Occupation	Education Consultant

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PARKINSON, Mark

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
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Role	Director
Date of birth	April 1959
Appointed on	12 October 2015
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom
Occupation	Retired

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SENN, Sharon Elizabeth

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
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Role	Director
Date of birth	August 1961
Appointed on	25 November 2021
Nationality	British, Swiss
Country of residence	England
Occupation	Trustee/Chartered Accountant

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WETTON, Nicola

Correspondence address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, England, CH65 6QY
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Role	Director
Date of birth	August 1976
Appointed on	8 September 2017
Nationality	British
Country of residence	United Kingdom

Occupation Headteacher

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WHITELEY, Adrian Francis

Correspondence address Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port,  
England, CH65 6QY

Role Director

Date of birth October 1963

Appointed on 1 September 2017

Nationality British

Country of residence United Kingdom

Occupation Head Teacher