2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Although we have not concluded every element of this exercise yet, I want to congratulate all the Councillors on an exercise very well done. I also wish to thank our professional advisers, Mike Stenhouse of Sheffield and David Stock of Chapman Tripp.

It is not an easy task to undertake. It is hard on existing staff, it is hard on all the applicants and it is hard on all those who are involved. I think we can take a collective bow on this process.