

DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Elaine Woodburn, Leader
LEAD OFFICER: Paul Walker, Chief Executive
REPORT AUTHOR: Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager

Summary	Proposes changes to statutory officer designations
Recommendation:	That the Council agrees the changes to statutory officer designations set out in para 2.1 below with immediate effect.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Following the recent resignation of the Corporate Director, Resources and Transformation and the subsequent re-organisation of senior management agreed by Personnel Panel on 30 April, under which the previous two Corporate Director posts were deleted, the Council is required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to designate one of its officers as the Council's Chief Financial Officer, usually known as the Section 151 Officer.

2 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The report to Personnel Panel on 30 April 2012 proposed that the post of Head of Corporate Resources should be designated as the Chief Financial Officer, as the current postholder is appropriately qualified, and that the designated Deputy will be the Accountant, Financial Management and Treasury. The latter designation is already in place as an interim measure. These designations require the agreement of full Council.
- 2.2 For completeness, the other statutory officer designations already in place are:
- Head of the Paid Service – Section 4, Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 – Chief Executive
- Monitoring Officer - Section 5, Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 – Democratic Services Manager (Deputy – Legal Services Manager)
- 2.3 These designations are included in the proper officer designations in the Scheme of Delegations elsewhere on this agenda, for completeness.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Designation of a new Chief Financial Officer completes the statutory officer designations that the Council is required to have in place.

4. STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

- 4.1 The Monitoring Officer's comments are: Contained within the report
- 4.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments are: No additional comments.
- 4.3 EIA Comments: There will be no advantageous or disadvantageous implications for any group in the community arising from the proposals in this report.
- 4.4 Other consultee comments, if any: None

List of Background Documents: None

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Portfolio Holder**