



AGENDA ITEM 10

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

19 JANUARY 2016

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE AS SECTION 151 OFFICER

Report of the Interim Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Purpose of report

1. To approve the appointment of Julie Oldale, Interim Service Director – Finance as the Council's statutory Section 151 Officer.

Proposal

2. Full Council is asked to confirm the appointment of Julie Oldale as the Section 151 Officer.

Role and duties of the Section 151 officer

3. The main duties of the Section 151 officer are:
 - ensuring the lawfulness and financial prudence of decision making.
 - administration of financial affairs.
 - contribution to strategic and corporate management.
 - providing relevant advice.
 - providing financial information.

The Section 151 officer should have a close working relationship with the other two statutory officers, the Head of the Paid Service and the Monitoring Officer.

Risk assessment

4. Failure to appoint a Section 151 officer would lead to the Council being in breach of its statutory duties.

Legal implications

5. The appointment of a Section 151 officer is a statutory requirement under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that the post holder is a member of one of the CCAB accountancy bodies.

Legal advice given by: Shahzia Daya, Interim Service
Director – Legal & Democratic Services, & Monitoring Officer

Financial implications

6. The revenue consequence of this decision will be contained within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDED -

That Full Council confirms the appointment of Julie Oldale as the Section 151 officer.