

Full Council

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Report of: Shahzia Daya, Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services

Title: **Appointment of Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

Ward: Citywide

Recommendation:

That Andrea Dell, Service Manager - Democratic Engagement, be appointed as the authority's Statutory Scrutiny Officer.



Context / proposal:

The City Council must appoint named individuals to particular roles, including the role of Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Originally introduced by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the requirement for English councils to designate a “statutory” scrutiny officer can now be found at s9FB of the Local Government Act 2000 (the legislative framework having been altered by the Localism Act 2011).

The statutory scrutiny officer’s role is (these points paraphrase the precise wording of the Act, which can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/2>):

- To promote the role of the authority’s overview and scrutiny committee(s);
- To provide support to the authority’s overview and scrutiny function and to local councillors;
- To provide guidance to members and officers of the council in relation to overview and scrutiny functions.

The statutory scrutiny officer cannot be the authority’s Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer.

The Full Council is asked to appoint Andrea Dell, Service Manager - Democratic Engagement as the authority’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal Implications

Failure to ensure appointment to these roles could lead to the Council being challenged for failing to meet its statutory duties.

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Financial Implications

None.

Appendices

None.