

Full Council

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

Title: **Appointment of Statutory Officers – Head of Paid Service and Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

Ward: Citywide

Recommendation

- 1. That Stephen Hughes, Interim Chief Executive be appointed as the authority's Head of Paid Service, as an interim appointment to ensure legislative requirements are met.**
- 2. That Anna Klonowski, Interim Strategic Director – Business Change be appointed as the authority's Statutory Scrutiny Officer, as an interim appointment to ensure legislative requirements are met.**

Context / proposal:

The City Council must appoint named individuals to particular roles, including the roles of Head of Paid Service and Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

Head of Paid Service

The functions of the Head of Paid Service (as reflected in Article 13.02 of the Council's constitution) are:

The Head of Paid Service will report to the Full Council on the manner in which the discharge of the council's functions is coordinated, the number and grade of officers required for the discharge of functions and the organisation of officers.

The Head of Paid Service may not be the Monitoring Officer but may hold the post of Chief Finance Officer if a qualified accountant.

The Full Council is asked to appoint Stephen Hughes, Interim Chief Executive as the authority's Head of Paid Service, as an interim appointment to ensure legislative requirements are met.

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 Anna Klonowski, Interim Strategic Director – Business Change as the authority's Statutory Scrutiny Officer, as an interim appointment to ensure legislative requirements are met.

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.