Report to Council Item

23 September 2014

Report of Executive head of business relationship and democracy

Subject Appointment of Monitoring Officer

Purpose

To consider the appointment of the monitoring officer

Recommendation

To delegate the appointment of the monitoring officer to the chief executive, in consultation with the three group leaders.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority "Value for money services".

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Waters - Deputy Leader and resources

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

Report

- 1. Pam Cary, the council's monitoring officer leaves the post on September 19, 2014.
- 2. Discussions are being held with nplaw on the appointment of a new monitoring officer but the council is unlikely to be in a position to make an appointment at this council meeting.
- 3. Although the council will continue to benefit from the advice of the deputy monitoring officers it is appropriate that a new monitoring officer is appointed as soon as possible.
- 4. The appointment of the monitoring officer is a matter reserved for full council and the next meeting is not scheduled until 25 November, 2014. It is therefore suggested that council delegate the power to appoint a new monitoring officer to the chief executive officer, in consultation with the three group leaders. Once a suitable person has been agreed this will enable him/her to be in position quickly rather than waiting until the end of November, 2014.

Integrated impact assessment



The IIA should assess the impact of the recommendation being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with completing the assessment can be found here. Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete				
Committee:	Council			
Committee date:	23 Sep 2014			
Head of service:	Anton Bull			
Report subject:	Appointment of monitoring officer			
Date assessed:	12 sep 2014			
Description:	Appointment of monitoring officer			

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	\boxtimes			
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	\boxtimes			
ICT services	\boxtimes			
Economic development	\boxtimes			
Financial inclusion	\boxtimes			
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	\boxtimes			
S17 crime and disorder act 1998	\boxtimes			
Human Rights Act 1998	\boxtimes			
Health and well being	\boxtimes			
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	\boxtimes			

	Impact			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	\boxtimes			
Advancing equality of opportunity	\boxtimes			
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	\boxtimes			
Natural and built environment	\boxtimes			
Waste minimisation & resource use	\boxtimes			
Pollution	\boxtimes			
Sustainable procurement	\boxtimes			
Energy and climate change	\boxtimes			
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management		\boxtimes		The monitoring officer has responsibility of advising the council on governance