

Report to the Council

Report of: Monitoring Officer (N. Boateng (Ext 4323))

Date: 25 April 2019

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Recommending:

- (1) That, with immediate effect, Tina Stankley be designated as the Council's Chief Finance Officer, being the officer having responsibility under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1985 and Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988; and**
- (2) That pursuant to recommendation (1) above, the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make changes to the Scheme of Delegation contained within the Council's Constitution, as required to give effect the appointment of Tina Stankley as the Chief Finance Officer.**

- 1. The Council's Assistant Director (Accountancy), Peter Maddock, has recently left the employment of the authority. Mr Maddock also held the position of the Council's Chief Finance Officer.
- 2. Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires every local authority to appoint a suitably qualified officer to be responsible for the proper administration of its affairs. The role of the Chief Finance Officer (also known as the Section 151 Officer) is a statutory requirement.
- 3. It is proposed that Tina Stankley be appointed as Chief Finance Officer with immediate effect. Ms. Stankley is an existing employee of the Council and is suitably qualified to fulfil the role of the Chief Finance Officer.
- 4. It is a legal requirement under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 that the Council appoint a Chief Finance Officer. Such appointment is reserved to the Council in accordance with Article 4 (The Full Council) of the Constitution.
- 5. As a result of this appointment, it will be necessary for the Monitoring Officer to make changes to the Scheme of Delegation contained within the Constitution, as required to give effect the appointment of Ms. Stankley as the Chief Finance Officer.