

Report to the Council

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

Date: 30 July 2019

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Recommending:

- (1) That, from 5 August 2019, Nick Dawe (Interim Strategic Director) be designated as the Council's Chief Financial 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 Nick Dawe as the Chief Financial Officer.**

1. 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 Financial Officer (also known as the Section 151 Officer) is a statutory requirement.
2. It is proposed that Nick Dawe be appointed as Chief Financial Officer from Monday 5 August 2019. Mr. Dawe is currently one of the Council's Interim Strategic Directors and is suitably qualified to fulfil the role of the Chief Financial Officer.
3. It is a legal requirement under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 that the Council appoint a Chief Financial Officer. Such appointment is reserved to the Council in accordance with Article 4 (The Full Council) of the Constitution.
4. 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, to give effect the appointment of Mr. Dawe as the Chief Financial Officer.