

Committee: Council

Agenda Item

Date: 15 July 2011

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Title: Nomination of s151 Officer

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Item for decision

Summary

1. Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972 requires that every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs. With the departure of the previous s.151 officer the Council has a duty to appoint a replacement

Recommendations

2. That the function of s151 Officer falls within the role of Mr Adrian Webb

Financial Implications

3. This is a statutory post and there are no direct expenditure implications

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	s.113 Local Government Finance Act 1988 requires that the person appointed as s.151 officer must be a member of one or more of recognised professional bodies listed in that Act.
Sustainability	None

Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

6. Mr Webb is the only employee of the Council who holds the necessary qualification to be appointed to the role of s.151 officer and there is therefore no alternative candidate for appointment.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council does not appoint a s151 Officer	1 – the Council is a responsible authority	4 – the Council would be acting illegally	Confirm the nomination of Mr Webb

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.