

Committee: Council

Agenda Item

Date: 14 April 2015

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Title: Appointment of s151 Officer

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Item for decision

Summary

1. At its meeting of 15 July 2014 Council resolved to appoint Mr Adrian Webb as s151 Officer on an interim basis. In the nine months since that decision Mr Webb and his team have overseen an unqualified audit, set out a medium term financial strategy and a budget for 2015-16, all to exemplary standard. This is on top of his other duties as a Corporate Director. It is considered that the appointment should be made permanent.

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. At its meeting of 15 July 2014 Council resolved to appoint Mr Adrian Webb as s151 Officer on an interim basis. In the nine months since that decision Mr Webb and his team have overseen an unqualified audit, set out a medium term financial strategy and a budget for 2015-16, all to exemplary standard. This is as well as his other duties as a Corporate Director.
7. Mr Webb is the only employee of the Council with the necessary qualification and experience to be appointed to the role of s.151 Officer and there is therefore no alternative candidate for appointment. It is considered that the appointment should now be made permanent.

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.