

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No 4

MEETING: 21 MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

Members are advised that Sonia Tognarelli, Finance Officer for the Authority and Interim Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance for Sunderland City Council, is retiring on 31 March 2016.

Sunderland Council is currently recruiting to a new post of Director of Corporate Services, the post holder for which will be the Officer designated under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 by the Council. It is anticipated that an interim appointment to this post will be made by the Council prior to the 1st April or shortly thereafter. If the appointee is known by the time of the Authority meeting on the 21 March, a recommendation will be made accordingly for their appointment as Finance Officer. If this information is not available in time for the meeting, it is proposed that a subsequent meeting of the Authority's Emergency Sub-Committee be convened in order to consider the appointment, as the Fire Authority has a legal duty to appoint a Finance Officer under section 73 of the Local Government Act 1985, and the next scheduled meeting of the full Authority after the 21 March is not until the Annual meeting in June.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Authority is recommended to note this report and as appropriate, either appoint an officer as Finance Officer and responsible officer under section 73 Local Government Act 1985, following the retirement of Sonia Tognarelli or, agree to the convening of a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee in order to make an appointment.

No background papers were used in preparation of this report

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