

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER – SECTION 151 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1. Members will recall that at the meeting of Council held on 6 November 2013, it was agreed, following the resignation of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services, that the Council's Head of Financial Resources be designated Chief Finance Officer for the purpose of section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 on an interim basis, pending a permanent appointment being made. In addition, members were advised that in the event of a Chief Officer post being vacant, the delegation scheme permits the relevant Heads of Service within the Department concerned to exercise delegated powers. This has enabled continuity of services within each of the areas within the Commercial and Corporate Services Directorate.
2. The Human Resources Committee has now appointed Alison Fellowes to the post of Executive Director of Commercial Development and Andrea Winders to the newly established post of Executive Director of Enterprise Development. In order to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory obligations in respect of the appointment of a section 151 officer, it is proposed that the interim arrangements currently in place should continue.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Head of Financial Resources continue to be designated as the section 151 officer on an interim basis and that she be authorised to continue to exercise delegated powers in relation to the financial affairs of the Council which are currently delegated in the constitution to the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services.

