

ITEM 8 - REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

1. The report of the Human Resources Committee makes proposals in respect of changes to the Senior Management structure and the designation of certain statutory Chief Officer roles.
2. In accordance with section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council must make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and must secure that one of its officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs. The report from Human Resources Committee recommends that the holder of the post of Director of Corporate Services be the designated section 151 officer and also anticipated that a recommendation for appointment would be made to the Council meeting.
3. Accordingly, Council is recommended to appoint Barry Scarr as Interim Director of Corporate Services and the officer designated under Section 151 of the 1972 Act, with effect from 1 April 2016. Barry is an excellent fit to the role, having extensive local government, public and private sector experience. He is from the North East and has worked in a number of local authorities locally and across the country.
4. Ordinarily, appointments to Chief Officer posts (other than the Head of Paid Service) are made by Human Resources Committee. However, in order to ensure a seamless transition following the retirement of the Interim Head of Paid Service and to comply with the Council's statutory obligation to designate a section 151 officer, it is proposed that Council make the appointment.

Recommendation

5. That Council appoints Barry Scarr as Interim Director of Corporate Services and officer designated under section 151 Local Government Act 1972, with effect from 1 April 2016.