

COUNCIL

28 JANUARY 2015

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 24 September 2014, 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 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.
2. In order to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory obligations in respect of the appointment of a section 151 officer, the Human Resources Committee at its meeting held on 20 November 2014 was requested to confirm the existing temporary arrangements in respect of confirming the arrangements in respect of the Head of Financial Resources. It was also agreed that the title of the post be changed to Director of Finance in line with other strategic Director posts.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Accordingly the Council is recommended to note that the existing temporary arrangements in respect of the organisation's Section 151 responsibility undertaken by the Director of Finance (previously titled the Head of Financial Resources) were made permanent with effect from 1st December 2014 and that the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly to reflect the new arrangements.

