

Council – 25th February 2015

Designation of Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1. Report detail

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 directs that a local authority in England must designate one of their officers to discharge the following functions:

- (a) to promote the role of the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees;
- (b) to provide support to the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees and the members of that Committee or those Committees;
- (c) to provide support and guidance to:
 - (i) members of the authority.
 - (ii) members of the executive of the authority, and
 - (iii) officers of the authority, in relation to functions of the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees.

The Act stipulates that a local authority may not designate any of the following under this section of the Act:

- (a) the head of the authority's paid service designated under Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989;
- (b) the authority's monitoring officer designated under Section 5 of that Act;
- (c) the authority's chief finance officer, within the meaning of that section.

2. Recommendation

That the Executive Director, Children's Services be designated as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

3. Resource implications

3.1 Financial: All costs are contained within existing budgets.

3.2 Legal: The designated post is necessary to ensure compliance with the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act, 2009.

Background papers

Local Government Act, 2000

Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act, 2009

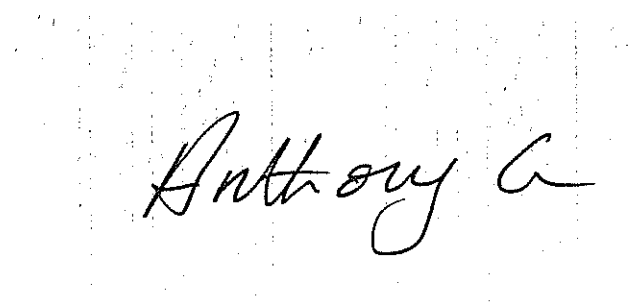
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Signed:

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