# Council – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

# **Designation of s151 Chief Finance Officer Role**

#### 1. Summary of report

1.1 The Council has recently completed a successful recruitment process for the role of Executive Director Resources and Transformation. The successful candidate was an internal appointment who previously occupied the post of Assistant Director of Finance. Council has previously designated the post of Assistant Director of Finance as the s151 Chief Finance Officer role, having responsibility for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. In light of this appointment it is now viewed that the s151 Chief Finance Officer role should instead be designated to the role Executive Director Resources and Transformation. Only council can make this designation under Article 10 of the Council's constitution.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That council designate the post of Executive Director of Resources and Transformation as the s151 Chief Finance Officer role, and that the constitution be amended accordingly.
- 2.2 If council passes recommendation 2.1 above, (taking back delegation 9 of Personnel Committee for the purpose of this meeting), it authorises that the terms and conditions for the post of Executive Director of Resources and Transformation be amended accordingly.

#### 3. Risk Management

3.1 It is important that in making statutory officer appointments the council follows the relevant requirements contained in legislation and it's constitution.

#### 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Under s112 Local Government Act 1972 the council is empowered to appoint officers at is thinks necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.
- 4.2 Under s151 Local Government Act 1972 every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs.

#### 5. Health and wellbeing implications

5.1 None directly relating to this report.

# 6. Staffing implications

6.1 Employees should be appointed on relevant terms and conditions of employment.

# 7. Financial implications

7.1 None. This report designates the post to hold the s151 designation only.

## 8. How will this action reduce inequality?

8.1 As an equal opportunity employer the council should follow relevant legislation, and all its policies and procedures in employing people.

#### 9. Consultation

9.1 None required.

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