

# Council – 10th January 2011

## 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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