



Report to: Council, 19th February 2019

Report of: Managing Director

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Council appoints Sian Stroud, Deputy Director – Governance, as Monitoring Officer with effect from 20th February 2019.

2. Background

2.1 Under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended), the Council has a duty to appoint a Monitoring Officer.

2.2 The Monitoring Officer has a number of statutory duties and responsibilities relating to the Council's arrangements for effective governance. These include:

- To report on matters he/she believes are, or are likely to be, illegal or amount to maladministration.
- To be responsible for matters relating to the conduct of councillors and officers.
- To be responsible for the operation of the Council's constitution.
- To lead on and take responsibility for the wider governance of the Authority.

2.3 The appointment of Monitoring Officer is reserved to Full Council.

2.4. The Interim Monitoring Officer role is currently held by Maria Memoli, Interim Deputy Director - Governance, with effect from the 1st November 2018, who was appointed by Council at its meeting on the 30th October 2018, following the departure of the previous Monitoring Officer.

3. Preferred Option

3.1 Sian Stroud has been appointed as the new Deputy Director –Governance with effect from the 11th February 2019.

3.2 It is recommended that the Council agree to appoint Sian Stroud, Deputy Director - Governance as the permanent Monitoring Officer with effect from 20th February 2019.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications
None directly arising from this report.

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4.2 Legal and Governance Implications

The Council must appoint a Monitoring Officer. This is a matter reserved to Full Council.

4.3 Risk Implications

See 4.2 above.

4.4 Corporate/Policy Implications

None directly arising from this report.

4.5 Equality Implications

None directly arising from this report.

4.6 Human Resources Implications

None directly arising from this report.

4.7 Health and Safety Implications

None directly arising from this report.

4.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications

None directly arising from this report.

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