DECISION-MAKER:		COUNCIL					
SUBJECT:		APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE					
DATE OF DECISION:		20 JULY 2022					
REPORT OF:		SERVICE DIRECTOR HR AND OD					
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY							

None

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

Following the May 2022 Council elections, the new Leader of the Council confirmed her wish to secure a permanent appointment to the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service to ensure the organisation has the stability required at the senior leadership level.

The constitutional requirements which must be observed when appointing a statutory officer has the process fall to the Chief Officer Employment Panel to recommend appointment to the position of Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service to full Council. Suitable candidates were interviewed for the position on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Chief Executive postholder will fulfil the statutory role of Head of Paid Service.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(i) That Council appoints Mike Harris to the position of permanent Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with immediate effect.

#### REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The permanent position will replace the interim nature of the role following the planned departure of the previous, permanent postholder and will both lead and be part of the Executive Management Board. The Head of Paid Service is a statutory role and is offered on a permanent basis to provide focused and stable leadership for the organisation.
- 2. The appointment will ensure the required leadership, stability and statutory requirements going forward and afford continuity of role.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. The option to advertise the permanent position was rejected at this time. External recruitment is a time consuming and costly exercise and there are experienced and suitably qualified serving executives in the organisation who were afforded proper consideration for the role. All serving Executive Directors have been appointed following competitive processes and interviews by the Chief Officer Employment Panel. Appointing internally ensures continuity and stability of leadership at a critical time.

# **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

4.	Chief Officer Employment Panel was held on June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, following a review of internal expressions of interest in the role.						
RESOU	RCE IMPLICATIONS						
<u>Capital</u>	/Revenue						
5.	Costs will be met within existing b	udgets.					
Propert	y/Other						
6.	N/A						
LEGAL	IMPLICATIONS						
Statuto	ry power to undertake proposals	in the repo	<u>rt</u> :				
7.	Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as amended.						
Other L	egal Implications:						
8.	None						
RISK M	ANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS						
9.	None						
POLICY	FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS						
10.	None						
KEY DE	CISION? No						
WARDS	S/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A					
	SUPPORTING	DOCUMENT	<u>ATION</u>				
Append	lices						
1.	None						
Docum	ents In Members' Rooms						
1.	None						
Equalit	y Impact Assessment						
	Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.						
Data Pr	otection Impact Assessment						
Do the Impact	No						
Other E	Background Documents						
Other E	Background documents available	for inspect	ion at:				
Title of	Background Paper(s)	Informa Schedu	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)				
1.	None						
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