

COUNCIL

16 March 2021

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONFIRMATION OF THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF THE STATUTORY POST OF MONITORING OFFICER

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None.

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval to appoint to the statutory post of Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Council's Constitution and local government legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve the temporary appointment of Lorraine Fowkes (Director Legal and Governance) (Monitoring Officer) South Staffs Council with effect from 5th April 2021 for a period a temporary period of 3 months.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer has given her intention to leave the authority on 4 April 2021, and as such, it is now necessary for the Council to confirm a new appointment to the role of Monitoring Officer.

To allow the Council some time to review the vacancy in more detail it has been decided to make a temporary appointment to fulfil the duties associate with this role. These duties will be fulfilled by Lorraine Fowkes (Director Legal and Governance) (Monitoring Officer) of South Staffordshire District Council. South Staffs currently provide TBC with a shared legal service and are well versed in our committee/governance structure and processes.

Following an internal recruitment process to the post, a further report to confirm the appointment will be presented back to Council in due course.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A recharge of £80 per hour will be invoiced by South Staffs to allow for any backfill on the Director's time. It is anticipated that approximately 2 hours per week will be required for the 12 week temporary period. These costs will be provided for from within the current salary budget.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

It is a legal necessity that the Council has a Monitoring Officer and therefore the appointment ensures the Council remains legislatively compliant.

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