



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM STATUTORY S151 OFFICER

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

At its meeting on 10 July 2018, Council appointed Kevin Kilburn as Interim s151 Officer.

An interim Director of Finance, Leigh Whitehouse, has now been appointed and Council approval is sought to appoint him to the statutory role of s151 Officer pending recruitment to the position on a permanent basis.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is required to nominate an Officer under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to be responsible for the proper administration of its financial affairs, a role designated at Surrey County Council as an element of the Director of Finance position.

Leigh Whitehouse has been selected following due process as an excellent candidate with substantial previous experience as a Director of Finance and s151 Officer. He commenced as Interim Director of Finance in September and will assume the s151 Officer role from Kevin Kilburn pending the permanent appointment to the role.

Recruitment to the permanent position began in September 2018 and is being conducted in accordance with part 5 of the Council's Standing Orders. It is anticipated that a report will be brought to Council in November confirming the longer term arrangement and appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Leigh Whitehouse be appointed as Interim s151 Officer from the date of this meeting.

Lead/Contact Officers:

Joanna Killian, Chief Executive.

Sources/background papers:

None.

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