

County Council Meeting – 6 February 2024

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- * Tim Oliver (Chairman)
- * Denise Turner-Stewart (Vice-Chairman)
- * Eber Kington
- * Sinead Mooney
- * Will Forster
- * Mark Nuti

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A. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

1. The People, Performance and Development Committee met on 22 January 2024 to conduct final interviews for the role of Interim Chief Executive at Surrey County Council. The Committee interviewed one shortlisted candidate for the post, Leigh Whitehouse, and are recommending that the County Council appoints him to the role of Interim Chief Executive.
2. Leigh Whitehouse is currently Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Resources at Surrey County Council.
3. The Officers Employment Procedure Rule requires every Cabinet Member to be notified of the proposed appointment and of their right of objection. Within the period specified in the notification, no objections were received from Cabinet Members.
4. The People, Performance and Development Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Council appoints Leigh Whitehouse as Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Council's paid service of Surrey County Council with effect from 7 March 2024.

B. REALLOCATION OF STATUTORY SECTION 151 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

1. Following the decision on 22 January 2024 to recommend the appointment of Leigh Whitehouse as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, the People, Performance and Development Committee were advised to reallocate the statutory Section 151 Officer responsibility currently held by Leigh Whitehouse.
2. The Committee interviewed one shortlisted candidate for the post, Anna D'Alessandro, and are recommending that the County Council appoints her to the role of Interim Statutory Section 151 Officer.

3. Anna D'Alessandro is currently Director of Finance, Corporate and Commercial at Surrey County Council and will continue in this role alongside the proposed additional responsibility.
4. The Officers Employment Procedure Rules require every Cabinet Member to be notified of the proposed appointment and of their right to objection. Within the period specified in the notification, no objections were received from Cabinet Members.
5. The People, Performance and Development Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Council appoints Anna D'Alessandro as Interim Statutory Section 151 Officer with effect from 7 March 2024.

Tim Oliver
Chairman of the People, Performance and Development Committee
January 2024