

Item no.

Report to: **Extraordinary Meeting of the District Council of Easington**

Date: **19 March 2009**

Report of: **Monitoring Officer**

Subject: **Statutory Officer Appointments**

Ward:

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Council approval to Statutory Officer Appointments in the run up to Vesting Day.

2. **Consultation**

2.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with the Chief Executive, the Leader of the Council, the Section 151 Officer and the Head of Human Resources.

3. **Background**

3.1 In the run up to Vesting Day a number of staffing changes are occurring which, to some extent, affect all of the other District Councils. Departures and redundancies of Chief Executives and Senior Managers have created a gap in a number of Councils during which there will be no suitable officer to hold a particular statutory position.

3.2 At Easington both the Chief Executive who is the Council's Head of Paid Service and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, who is the Council's Section 151 Officer, will be leaving on 29 March, two days before Vesting Day.

3.3 There are adequate statutory powers available to enable an arrangement whereby the County Council's statutory officers could assume the responsibility of statutory officers in outgoing authorities. The County Council agreed at their Cabinet meeting on 19 February to allow their appropriate statutory officers to take up appointments in District Councils where requested to do so in the run up to Vesting Day.

4. **Proposals**

4.1 **Head of Paid Service**

4.1.1 It is suggested that for the period of 30 and 31 March 2009, the County Council's Head of Paid Service takes on the responsibility of Head of Paid Service at Easington.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer**

4.2.1 The situation with this position is different in that there is a suitably qualified and experienced member of staff to take on this role.

4.2.2 It is suggested that David Temple, the Council's Head of Finance, be appointed as Section 151 Officer for the period of 30 and 31 March 2009.

5. **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

5.1.1 None.

5.2 **Legal**

5.2.1 There is a legal requirement to make appointments to these positions.

5.3 **Policy**

5.3.1 None.

5.4 **Risk Implications**

5.4.1 A risk assessment has been completed and the necessary actions required to manage the risks have been identified.

5.5 **Communications**

5.5.1 None.

5.6 **LGR Implications**

5.6.1 The proposals will enable a smooth transition process.

6.0 **Corporate Implications**

6.1 **Corporate Plan and Priorities**

6.1.1 None.

6.2 **Equal and Diversity**

6.2.1 None

6.3 **E-Government**

6.3.1 None

6.4 **Procurement**

6.4.1 None.

7. **Recommendations**

7.1.1 It is recommended that for the period 30 and 31 March 2009, the County Council's Head of Paid Service takes on the responsibility of Head of Paid Service at Easington and D Temple, the Council's Head of Finance, be appointed as Section 151 Officer.

Background Papers

Report to DCC's Cabinet dated 19 February 2009

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