

**Central Durham Crematorium  
Joint Committee**

**23 April 2014**

**Appointment of Clerk to the  
Joint Committee**



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**Report of Colette Longbottom, Head of Legal and Democratic  
Services**

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

To give Members the opportunity to appoint an appropriate Officer from Durham County Council in the role of Clerk to the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee.

**2. Background**

At the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 22 January 2014, it was resolved that an officer from Durham County Council's Legal and Democratic Services Section be appointed Clerk to the Joint Committee upon the retirement of Sharon Spence.

**3. Proposal and reasons**

As Sharon Spence has now retired the Head of Legal and Democratic Services recommends the appointment of Laura Renaudon, Solicitor - Planning and Development to serve as Clerk to the Joint Committee.

Laura has over 15 years' legal experience and was admitted as a solicitor in 2003 whilst working for a law firm in the City of London. Since 2004 she has worked for local authorities as a planning and environment lawyer; first in a Surrey borough and more recently in North Yorkshire where she was a senior planning solicitor to the County and also the Deputy Monitoring Officer to one of the national park authorities, before joining Durham as a planning lawyer last December. She has extensive experience of advising Members and Committees, and of defending their decisions at inquiries and in the courts. In 2009 she was appointed as an Assistant Deputy Coroner for North Yorkshire. In 2012 she was elected to the RTPI as a legal associate member and last year she obtained an LLM with distinction in environmental law and management. She is also a trained church organist and has performed in that respect at a number of services and funerals.

**4. Recommendations**

That Laura Renaudon be appointed Clerk to the Joint Committee.

**Background Papers:**

- Minutes of the meeting of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee held 22 January 2014.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance**

None specific within the report

**Staffing**

As outlined in the Report

**Risk**

None specific within the report

**Equality and diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None specific within the report

**Accommodation**

None specific within the report

**Crime and disorder**

None specific within the report

**Human rights**

None specific within the report

**Consultation**

None specific within the report

**Procurement**

None specific within the report

**Disability Issues**

None specific within the report

**Legal Implications**

None specific within the report