

Meeting of the Council – 26th April, 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Appointment of Officer and Deputy Responsible for the Proper Management of the Council's Finances - Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of an Officer and Deputy with responsibility for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Council under, and in accordance with, Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Background

2. Under Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972, every Local Authority is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs.
3. On 12th April, 2010, the Appointments Committee interviewed candidates for the post of Treasurer. The Committee resolved that, subject to the provisions of the Council's Officer Employment Procedure Rules and to all the necessary employment checks being carried out, the post be offered to Mr Iain Newman (Interim Assistant Director of Finance, Dudley MBC). Subject to his acceptance of the post, Mr Newman will be appointed to the substantive post of Treasurer with effect from a date to be determined.
4. The duties under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 have been undertaken by the Interim Director of Finance since February, 2009. Once Mr. Newman is confirmed in post, the Treasurer will undertake the Section 151 duties on a permanent basis.
5. The Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Personnel, Legal and Property, has been authorised to make internal arrangements for the nomination of the Deputy Section 151 Officer and report to the Council. The newly appointed Treasurer will, of course, be consulted on the designation of the Deputy Section 151 Officer.

Finance

6. There are no direct financial implications in this report.

Law

7. The requirements of Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972, are explained in paragraph 2 above.

Equality Impact

8. This report complies with the policies of the Council in relation to Equality and Diversity. Children and young people have not been involved in the preparation of this report.

Recommendations

9. That with effect from the date of his appointment to the substantive post of Treasurer, Mr Iain Newman be appointed as the officer responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs under and in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
10. That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Personnel, Legal and Property, be authorised to make internal arrangements for the Deputy Section 151 Officer.

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