

## **Meeting of the Council – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009**

### **Report of the Interim Chief Executive**

### **Appointment of Officer and Deputy responsible for the proper management of the Council's finances under and in accordance with 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. Currently, the Director of Finance, Mr M Williams, is the Council's responsible officer for this purpose and the Senior Assistant Director of Finance, Mr W Baker, is deputy.
4. On consideration of these and other arrangements in consequence of Mr Williams' impending retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009, the Appointments Committee, at its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009, resolved that, subject to the approval of the Council, Mr Baker be appointed as the Council's Section 151 officer and authorised Mr Baker to nominate a deputy, both appointments to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009.
5. Subsequent to the meeting of the Appointments Committee, Mr Baker has duly nominated the Interim Assistant Director of Finance (Financial Services and Corporate Finance), Mr Iain Newman, as 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 Mr W Baker be appointed as the officer of the Council responsible for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Council under, and in accordance with, Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009, and that Mr I Newman be appointed as Deputy Section 151 officer with effect from that date.

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**Interim Chief Executive**