

**Report for:** Full Council

**Title:** Appointment of Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** N/A

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1 This report proposes to designate the Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources as the Council's statutory Scrutiny Officer pursuant to section 9FB of the Local Government Act 2000, and for Part 3, Section E Part 4 of the Council's Constitution to be updated accordingly.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 It is recommended that the Council designate the Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources as the Council's statutory Scrutiny Officer pursuant to section 9FB of the Local Government Act 2000.

**4. Reasons for decision**

4.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to designate one of its officers as the statutory Scrutiny Officer.

**5. Alternative options considered**

5.1 This is a legal requirement. No alternative options are proposed.

**6. Background information**

6.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to designate one of its officers, to be known as the statutory Scrutiny Officer, to exercise the following functions—

(a) to promote the role of the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees,

- (b) to provide support to the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees and the members of that committee or those committees,
- (c) to provide support and guidance to—
  - (i) members of the authority,
  - (ii) members of the executive of the authority, and
  - (iii) officers of the authority,

in relation to the functions of the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees.

- 6.2 Under the above Act this post cannot be the Head of the Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer or Monitoring Officer. The Deputy Chief Executive was previously the Scrutiny Officer. However this meeting will consider a recommendation that the Deputy Chief Executive be appointed as interim Head of Paid Service. Accordingly it is recommended that the post of Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources be designated as the Scrutiny Officer with immediate effect.

## **7. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

N/A

## **8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

### **Finance**

The designation of an officer as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer will not entail any cost to the Council.

### **Procurement**

N/A

### **Legal**

The legal and constitutional implications are set out in the body of the report.

### **Equality**

N/A

## **9. Use of Appendices**

N/A

## **10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

N/A