




**Haringey Council**

Report for:	Full Council 20 July 2015	Item Number:	
Title:	Designation of the Council's Chief Finance Officer		
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Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:		

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. The purpose of the report is to designate the Chief Operating Officer post as the statutory Chief Finance Officer (Section 151).

1.2. As provided for at Article 11.01 (c) and (d) of the Council's Constitution, Full Council is required to designate an officer post with this responsibility.

## 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

## 3. Recommendation

3.1. It is recommended that the Council designate the post of Chief Operating Officer as the Chief Finance Officer as required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 2011.



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#### **4. Alternative options considered**

4.1. This is a statutory requirement upon the Council.

#### **5. Background information**

5.1. Following the appointment of the Chief Operating Officer by the Staffing and Remuneration Committee on 29 June 2015 the Council is asked to designate this post as the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151).

5.2. The proposal is that designation will take effect from 21 July 2015 and from this date the Chief Operating Officer will assume this statutory responsibility.

5.3. Section 151 Local Government Act 1972 states that the Council is required to 'make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers as responsibility for the administration of those affairs'. In accordance with section 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988, this officer is to be known as the Chief Finance Officer and is responsible for performing the duties imposed by that section. Section 113 of the Local Finance Act 1988 requires the person to be a member of a specified accounting body, namely a professionally qualified accountant.

5.4. Full Council on the 26 February 2014 agreed that the post of Assistant Director Finance was be designated with the statutory responsibilities of section 151 of the 1972 Act. The report also confirms that this designation would be reviewed once a Chief Operating Officer had been appointed.

5.5. In accordance with section 114 Local Government Finance Act 1988, the Chief Finance Officer is also able to nominate a suitable financially qualified person to act on their behalf, as Deputy, when the Chief Finance Officer is unable to act due to absence.

#### **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

6.1. The CFO has been consulted on this report and confirms that there are no direct financial consequences as a result of approving the recommendations contained within.

#### **7. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications**



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7.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted on the contents of this report. The statutory and constitutional position is set out in the body of the report.

**8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**

Not applicable

**9. Head of Procurement Comments**

Not applicable.

**10. Policy Implication**

Not applicable

**11. Use of Appendices**

None used

**12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**