

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2007

REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

13. CONSTITUTION - AMENDMENTS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

'D' RECOMMENDATION – that (A) XXXXXX and XXXXXX be appointed as the Council's Section 151 Officer and Deputy Section 151 Officer respectively, effective from XXXXXX; and

(B) in respect of changes relating to new job titles, the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To approve amendments to the Constitution in the light of the senior management restructuring.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Objectives

2.1 The Constitution outlines how the Council operates and so helps to "improve the health and sustainability of the organisation".

3.0 Background

3.1 Members will recall that Council approved the new senior management structure on 20 September 2006 (Minute 251(F) refers). This comprises a Chief Executive and 3 Directors. The Director of Customer and Community Services and the Director of Neighbourhood Services posts have been filled. The recruitment process for the Director of Internal Services was ongoing at the time of writing this report and a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

3.2 Council is required to appoint formally, the statutory position of the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) and Deputy Section 151 Officer. Interim arrangements were approved by Council on 10

January 2007 (Minute 489 (I) refers) to cover the possible eventuality that the existing Section 151 Officer might cease to be employed by the Council before the Director of Internal Services was appointed.

3.3 Council is invited to consider appointments to the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) and Deputy Section 151 Officer posts.

3.4 As a result of the implementation of the new senior management structure, there is also a requirement to amend the Constitution to reflect new job titles. It is proposed that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments. Once completed, the revised Constitution will be made available and placed on the Council's website.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 It is a Council function to appoint the Authority's statutory officers.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources Implications

7.1 None

8.0 Risk Management Implications

8.1 None

Background Papers

None.

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