

Chief Officer Appointments Panel



Date of meeting:	14 June 2024
Title of Report:	Recruitment to the role of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report highlights the requirement for Members to undertake formal interviews for the post of Service Director (Integrated Commissioning)

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that the Chief Officer Appointments Panel

1. Notes the content of this report.
2. Undertakes formal interviews for the post of the role of Service Director for Integrated Commissioning.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The recommendation is in line with the Council's established practices and is offered as the best option in these particular circumstances. It is essential that the role is filled permanently as soon as possible to deliver a range of duties for the Local Authority and to support the delivery of the Medium-Term Financial Plan

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Corporate Plan outlines the strategic direction of the Council. Recommendations within this report align to the current Plymouth City Council Corporate Plan

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Service Director for Integrated Commissioning is a permanent role with established budget contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan

Financial Risks

Full costs of any proposal will be available to Members ahead of any commitment of resources. There will be appropriate scrutiny by the Council's section 151 Officer

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

It is the responsibility of all senior officers to ensure we develop and deliver our plans for both ensuring the Council is carbon neutral by 2030 and leading the City in carbon reduction.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

All recruitment and selection processes will be undertaken with reference to Plymouth City Council's established procedures and relevant legislation.

Appendices

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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							
C	Climate Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)											

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Agreed by Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)

Date agreed: 11 June 2024

Cabinet Member approval: *[electronic signature (or typed name and statement of 'approved by email/verbally')]* Cllr Aspinall has approved by email.

Date approved: 7 June 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) Regulations 1993 prescribe a number of actions when recruitment to a Chief Officer post is required. The definition of 'Chief Officer' for the purposes of these regulations refers to:

- The Head of Paid Service,
- The Monitoring Officer,
- The Section 151 Officer,
- A statutory Chief Officer (as defined by section 2(6) of the 1989 Act) and
- Non-statutory Chief Officers as defined by section 2(7) of the 1989 Act (which essentially include officers who report directly to the head of paid service): regulation 1(2) of the 1993 Regulations.
- A Deputy Chief Officer (those reporting to a Chief Officer)

There are a number of defined activities that must be undertaken, including:

- The creation of a document clearly stating the duties of the officer, what qualifications, experience and skills they will need to undertake the role (the role profile).
- Making arrangements for the post to be advertised in such a way as is likely to bring it to the attention of persons who are qualified to apply for it.
- Providing a copy of the role profile to any person requesting this.

Once advertised as above, authorities will either interview all those who are qualified to undertake the role or select a short list of qualified applicants. If there are no qualified applicants, the local authority will then make further arrangements.

2. CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

Council has delegated the function of interviewing candidates to the Chief Officer Appointments Panel, (COAP). COAP acts with the delegated authority of the Council to appoint to Chief Officer roles where the law prohibits the Head of Paid Service from making the appointment but allows full Council to delegate the responsibility.

3. BACKGROUND

As highlighted in the report of 16 February 2024, the Service Director for Integrated Commissioning is a key role within Plymouth City Council, as part of the Council's leadership team and leading the integrated commissioning and contracting function across the Council, including Children's Services, Adult Social Care (ASC), Adult Safeguarding, aspects of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning with Health and relevant Social Enterprises.

This post has remained vacant since the previous appointment of the Strategic Director for People, to allow time to review the working relationships with our key health partners who have been undergoing some significant changes. We have now reached the point where we can move forward with permanent recruitment to the role, and this proposal, including the procurement of an executive search agency, was approved by Members on 16 February 2024.

4. PERMANENT RECRUITMENT UPDATE.

An executive search partner was engaged via the Council's preferred supplier Matrix, with a number of candidates being presented for consideration. Three candidates were invited to an assessment centre

on Monday 10 June 2024, and subsequently invited to the Chief Officer Appointments Panel scheduled for 14 June 2024.

A supplementary pack, containing CVs and supporting statements will be forwarded to the Panel prior to that Chief Officers Appointment Panel.

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The permanent role is established on the Plymouth City Council Senior Management Structure.

The role is currently a Band 4 Chief Officer within the chief officer pay and grading structure and the salary is currently within the range of £82,949 to £115,330 per annum. Chief Officer pay is linked to national pay bargaining.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Appointments Panel:

1. Note the content of this report.
2. Undertake formal interviews for the role of Service Director (Integrated Commissioning)