

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Designation of Head of Paid Service
Committee: Council
Date: 18 May 2012
Cabinet Member: Leader
CMT Member: Chief Executive
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Key Decision: n/a
Part: I

Executive Summary:

The Council is being recommended to appoint an interim Chief Executive pending an appointment to the role on a permanent basis. Following the appointment of the interim Chief Executive, it is recommended that they be designated as head of paid service. It is also recommended that the Monitoring Officer is delegated the statutory roles relating to electoral registration, elections and referenda.

Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015:

There are no specific implications in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

There are no additional implications arising from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

None.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

1. To approve the appointment of Bob Coomber as interim Chief Executive with effect from 24 May 2012, pending an appointment to the role on a permanent basis through the recruitment and selection process which is already underway.
2. To delegate to the Director for Corporate Services authority to agree the terms for the engagement of the interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Council Leader.
3. To approve that the interim Chief Executive is designated as the head of paid service in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 for the duration of the interim arrangement.

The reason for the recommendation is that the Council is legally required to designate one of its officers as the head of paid service and the role is generally undertaken by the chief executive.

4. To appoint the Monitoring Officer as the electoral registration officer and returning officer under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

The reason for the recommendation is that the Council is required to appoint to these roles to manage the electoral registration and elections functions. In particular preparatory work needs to be undertaken for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

For practical purposes, it is appropriate that the chief executive is also the head of paid service.

The Monitoring Officer is presently responsible for the electoral registration and election functions and is the Council's deputy returning officer and has undertaken the role of returning officer and electoral registration officer at Plymouth and previous local authorities.

Background papers:

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member: n/a											
Have you consulted the Cabinet Member(s) named on the report? Yes											