


Agenda Item No:	10	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	23 March 2017	
Report Title:	Appointment of Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer)	

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1 Purpose / Summary

Following a recruitment and assessment process, Council are asked to approve the appointment of Brendan Arnold as the Council's Corporate Director & Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) as recommended by the Appointments Panel.

2 Key issues

- The Council has been in the process of recruiting a Corporate Director and Section 151 Officer due to the resignation of the current post holder.
- The S151 Officer is a statutory post and in general terms, the duty of the S151 Officer is to ensure financial probity throughout the activities of the Council. The role is one of three Statutory Officer roles which provide checks and balances across the Senior Officer posts of the Council. The other two complimentary roles are those of 'Head of Paid Service' and 'Monitoring Officer'.
- The role of the Council's Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) must be approved by Full Council.
- At the 23rd February 2017 Council meeting, an Appointments Panel was agreed of four members, which were the Leader, Deputy Leader, Finance Portfolio Holder and Chairman of the Staff Committee.
- A rigorous assessment centre and interview process was run on the 13th and 14th March. Following this, the Appointments Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Council the appointment of Brendan Arnold as the Council's Corporate Director & Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer).
- Furthermore, Brendan is available to commence his role on the 24th April for a hand over with the current post holder, negating the need for any interim arrangements for this statutory role.

3 Recommendations

The Appointments Panel recommend:

- That the Council approves the appointment of Brendan Arnold as the Council's Corporate Director from the 24th April and commencing the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer) from the 8th May.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	
Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr John Clark - Leader of the Council Cllr Will Sutton - Deputy Leader Cllr Chris Seaton - Finance Portfolio Holder Cllr Maureen Davis - Chairman of the Staff Committee
Report Originator(s)	Paul Medd - Chief Executive Rob Bridge - Corporate Director and Chief Finance (S151) Officer
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Background Paper(s)	N/A