


Agenda Item No:	14	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	20 February 2020	
Report Title:	NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER	

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

- 1.1. To advise Members of the appointment of Amy Brown, Chief Solicitor as the Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer (DMO).

2. KEY ISSUES

- 2.1. Staff Committee recently agreed to create a post of Chief Solicitor within the organisation to support the Council in delivering its corporate priorities, funded from the existing legal service budget.
- 2.2. The Council has made an appointment to this new role which also includes the designation of DMO.
- 2.3. Section 2.3 of Article 12 of the Constitution enables the Monitoring Officer to designate another officer to deputise for them.
- 2.4. Amy Brown is currently the Council's DMO through its contract for Legal Services with Peterborough City Council, and between August 2018 and April 2019 fulfilled the role of Interim Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer for Fenland District Council. Amy is therefore an experienced DMO and has during her time at Fenland District Council gained a detailed insight into the culture and governance arrangements of the organisation. Amy also brings experience and insight from her role as DMO for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.
- 2.5. There is scope for FDC to consider selling some of Amy's time back to Peterborough through a mutually acceptable s113 agreement which could generate an income to set against the costs of the post. However, this will be carefully assessed to ensure that FDC priorities come first and can be fulfilled without compromise. Members are requested to agree to the drafting of a s113 agreement to enable us to have this facility if required.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. To note the appointment of Amy Brown, Chief Solicitor, as the Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer.
- 3.2. To enter in to a Section 113 agreement with Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to be in a position to provide a service to those organisations and generate an income to the Council if required.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	N/A
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