

London Borough of Enfield

Council

28 January 2021

Subject: Designation of the Chief Finance Officer (s151) Role
Cabinet Member: N/A
Director: Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law & Governance
Key Decision: N/A

Purpose of Report

1. The designation of the function of Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) is a decision reserved for Council.

Proposal(s)

2. To note the contents of this report and to designate Fay Hammond, Executive Director of Resources as the Council's Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

Reason for Proposal(s)

3. The designation of the function of Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) is a decision reserved for Council. Fay Hammond has held the designation in a temporary capacity since September 2018. The Council is required under the Constitution to confirm the designation of the function to Fay Hammond following her successful appointment to the permanent role of Executive Director of Resources.

Relevance to the Council Plan

4. N/A

Background

5. In September 2018, Council agreed to designate the Fay Hammond the Council's Head of Finance as the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) until such time as a permanent appointment is made to the post of Executive Director of Resources and a further report is brought to Council.
6. On Friday 13th November 2020, the Staff Appeals, Appointments & Remuneration Committee appointed Fay Hammond to the permanent post of Executive Director of Resources. The appointment was not at the minimum point of the grade and this report is the requisite notification to Council under the Council's Pay Policy.

Main Considerations for the Council

7. The Council is required to designate an employee as the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer).

Safeguarding Implications

8. N/A

Public Health Implications

9. N/A

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

10. N/A

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

11. N/A

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is not taken

12. Should Council not take the decision to designate Fay Hammond, she will continue to act under the Council decision taken in September 2018.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken

13. None

Financial Implications

14. N/A

Legal Implications

15. The Council is required as a matter of law to designate an employee as its Chief Finance Officer. The designation of the function of Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) is a decision reserved for Council.

Workforce Implications

16. N/A

Property Implications

17. N/A

Other Implications

18. N/A

Options Considered

19. N/A

Conclusions

20. The law requires the Council to designate a Chief Finance Officer. Under the Constitution this decision can only be taken at a meeting of the Council.

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Appendices

None

Background Papers

The following documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: