

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 22 November 2018

URGENT ITEM

Title: Designation of Head of Paid Service

Portfolio(s): Deputy Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor B Pickard

Report from Service Area:

Resources

Responsible Officer:

Janice Gillespie, Head of Resources

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Wards affected:

All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The Authority is required to designate one of its officers as Head of Paid Service. This is usually the Authority's Chief Executive.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Council designate Mr Paul Hanson as Head of Paid Service on an on-going basis.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report does not appear on the Forward Plan. However, the Chair of Council has agreed to the report being considered as a matter of urgency to allow Council to consider this matter as soon as possible.

1.4 Information:

Background

- 1.4.1 Mr Paul Hanson has been the Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service since 31 July 2018.

At the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee on 15 November 2018 Mr Paul Hanson was redeployed into the role of Chief Executive on a permanent basis.

- 1.4.2 In relation to the designation of the Head of Paid Service, Mr Hanson is currently undertaking this designation pending the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive. Council are therefore requested to designate him as Head of Paid Service on an on-going basis.

1.4.3 Council are requested to note that Mr Hanson is also currently designated as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer pending the successful recruitment of a new Head of Law and Governance.

1.5 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council

Option 1

To approve recommendation 1.2 above

Option 2

To not approve recommendation 1.2 above and request Officers to undertake other actions.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.6 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended as the Authority is required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to designate one of its officers as the Head of Paid Service.

1.7 Contact officers:

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PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no budgetary implications and there is sufficient funding.

2.2 Legal

The Authority is required by Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to designate one of its officers as the Head of Paid Service.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

Consultation on the appointment was undertaken with the Elected Mayor and Cabinet members as set out in 1.4.6 above.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

2.4 Human Rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

2.6 Risk Management

There are no risk management implications directly arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and Disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and Sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Head(s) of Service

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- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)

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- Chief Finance Officer

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- Monitoring Officer

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- Head of Corporate Strategy
and Customer Service

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