

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

17 October 2023

Designation of statutory functions following changes to council structure

Purpose of Report

1. For Council to consider the redesignation of a statutory role following a change to the senior management structure of the council.

Background

2. The statutory role of Section 151 officer is currently designated to the post of Corporate Director of Resources & Deputy Chief Executive.

Main Considerations for the Council

3. There was a requirement to review the structure of the procurement and commissioning functions following the resignation of the Head of Procurement in November 2022 and the long term sickness absence of the Director for Commissioning and Procurement. The Procurement Service was temporarily moved to Director of Finance. The commissioning function has continued under interim Directors.
4. The decision has now been made to permanently bring together the procurement and finance functions under a single new post of Director of Finance and Procurement.
5. It is proposed that the statutory role of Section 151 officer should transfer from Corporate Director Resources & Deputy Chief Executive to the position of Director of Finance & Procurement. This enables a strengthened collaborative and accountable senior management structure, supports succession planning and provides resilience and stability for the Council in relation to financial leadership.

Proposal

6. That Council:
 - 1) Approve the designation of statutory role of Section 151 Officer to the Director of Finance and Procurement.
 - 2) Note that other designated statutory roles are unchanged as a result of the restructure and remain with existing posts.
 - 3) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the designation of the statutory function outlined.

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Appendices

None

Background Papers

None