

COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2015 AT 10.00AM.

DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (S151 OFFICER)

Joint Report of the Chief Executive & Director of Environment, and the Chief Legal Officer

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek County Council approval to the designation of Claire Cook, Assistant Director Finance (Resources and Performance) as Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) for the Council.

2. Summary and Background

- 2.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires every local authority to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and to secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs.
- 2.2 Sarah Pickup, Deputy Chief Executive and Director Resources & Performance, is leaving the County Council's employment in August 2015. Sarah Pickup as Deputy Chief Executive is the Council's designated Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer). Claire Cook, Assistant Director Finance is the deputy s151 Officer and it is proposed that she be designated as Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) for the Council as from 1 September 2015.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Council designates Claire Cook, Assistant Director Finance (Resources and Performance) as Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) for the Council as from 1 September 2015.
- 3.2 That, as from 1 September 2015, all delegations to the Deputy Chief Executive, as Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) be amended by the substitution of delegations in like form to the Assistant Director Finance (Resources and Performance).

Background Information

Section 151 Local Government Act 1972

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/151>