



# **Late Report**

Presented to the  
Meeting of the  
**County Council**  
on  
**Tuesday, 19 February 2019**

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**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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**TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10.00AM**

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**ADDENDUM**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER (MONITORING OFFICER AND RETURNING OFFICER)**

Following interviews which took place on 8 February 2019 the Chief Executive recommends that Quentin Baker be appointed as Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer and Returning Officer) as from the date that the current post holder leaves the Council's employment.

Quentin Baker was admitted as a solicitor in 1999. His current role is Director of Law and Governance at the Royal London Borough of Kingston Upon Thames. Prior to this Quentin has held a variety of positions including Interim Director of Law with Bristol City Council, Executive Director – LGSS, and assistant director Legal services at Central Bedfordshire. Established in October 2010, LGSS is a public sector shared venture wholly owned by Cambridgeshire County Council, Milton Keynes Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

In accordance with regulations introduced under the Local Government Act 2000 all members of the Cabinet have been notified of the recommendation to appoint Quentin Baker as Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer and Returning Officer) and there has been no objection from Cabinet to the proposed appointment.

In accordance with the Council's pay policy and constitution consultation has also taken place with the Group Leaders on the level of salary for the post.

All pre-employment checks have now been completed and are satisfactory.

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