

Decision Maker: Urgency Committee

Date: 23rd January 2012

Decision Type: Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENT PANEL:
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At the annual meeting of the Council, the membership of the Appointment Panel for Chief and Deputy Chief Officers is approved. The forthcoming appointment of a Director for the new Department of Education and Care Services will be of particular interest to Members from more than one portfolio, so the Committee is requested to consider whether the size of the Panel should be increased.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **Members are requested to consider the size and composition of the Chief Officer Appointment Panel for the Director of Education and Care Services, and to confirm the membership.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: N/A. Appointments to Director posts are made by Members in line with the Council Constitution.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £344,054
 5. Source of funding: 2011/12 budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 9 posts (8.22 fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The membership of the Appointment Panel for Chief and Deputy Chief Officers is approved each year at the annual meeting of the Council. The standard membership is –

7 Members as follows:

- The Leader of the Council,
- A majority party Member of the Executive,
- A majority party PDS Chairman,
- A Liberal Democrat Member,

and 3 Members from the following 4 choices:

- The Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee,
- The Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee,
- A second majority party Member of the Executive,
- A second majority party PDS Chairman.

3.2 The post of Director for the new department of Education and Care Services is currently being advertised, and a first Appointment Panel meeting, to confirm the procedure and timescales for the recruitment process, has provisionally been arranged for Wednesday 25th January. The appointment is of particular interest to Members from across the Council and from more than one portfolio, so the Committee is requested to consider whether the size of the Panel should be increased to allow for a wider range Member interests to be represented.

3.3 The membership and terms of reference of the Urgency Committee are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution as follows -

Urgency Committee (Five Members, comprising the Mayor, the Chairman of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and the Leaders of the three largest party groups).

To deal with urgent non-executive decisions that are not of a sensitive nature – any such decisions made shall be reported to the next available meeting of the full Council.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None