

Part 1 - Open to the Public	ITEM NO.
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO COUNCIL

ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2021

TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. For the purposes of approving the appointment referred to in recommendation 2 below suspend the requirement under Rule 3(i) of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules that there be a recommendation of such an appointment by a committee or sub-committee of the Council;
 2. Approve the appointment of the interim City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer).
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In line with the Scheme of Delegation the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) has authorised the appointment of interim support for the post of City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer) pending the process for the recruitment, selection and appointment to the substantive post, subject to ratification by full Council.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

KEY DECISION: YES / **NO**

DETAILS:

In line with the Scheme of Delegation the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) has authorised the appointment of interim support for the post of City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer) pending the process for the recruitment, selection and appointment to the substantive post, subject to ratification by full Council.

Following discussions and interview with an appropriate candidate on Friday 12th February, it has been agreed to appoint David Wilcock as the City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer) on an interim basis. He brings extensive local government and Greater Manchester experience and was formally the Monitoring Officer for Rochdale Council.

In line with the Council Constitution, Officer Employment Procedure Rules prior to the formal appointment being confirmed it is a requirement that the decision be approved by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the appointment of the interim City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer).

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Council Constitution

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

The risk attached to these proposals is Low.

This appointment contributes to the risk mitigating actions of the Council. The role of Monitoring Officer assists in strengthening the governance processes of the Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by Gareth James, Head of People, Place and Regulation, Legal Services, Manchester City Council
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The appointment of the Monitoring Officer is a function reserved to Council.

As Monitoring Officer, the postholder is principally responsible for ensuring that lawful decision making, and governance arrangements are in place.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by: N/A

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A

HR IMPLICATIONS are contained within the body of the report.

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