



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

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Report of Chief Executive

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**APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 151
OFFICER**

Recommendation

That Council appoint Alison Betts as the Council's Interim Section 151 Officer, pending a permanent appointment to the post.

Background

Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, requires Council's to "make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and secure that one of their Officers have responsibility for the administration of those affairs".

Section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 outlines the qualifications required by the Section 151 Officer. In essence, the Section 151 Officer has to be a qualified accountant, with a membership of one of a number of prescribed Accountancy Bodies. The Council's current Section 151 Officer, very recently left the Council. Whilst the functions required the role are currently undertaken by the Deputy Monitoring, there is an immediate and urgent for an appointment of a replacement Section 151 Officer.

Alison Betts, the Council's Technical Finance Manager, has the necessary qualifications to discharge the roles duties. Once the Council's structures have been settled, a view will be taken on who exactly should occupy that role.

Consultation

Legal Services