

Appendices

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Item No.10

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Ward: All

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Directorate:	Governance Resources and Improvement
Corporate Manager:	Francis Fernandes (Solicitor to the Council)
Agenda Status:	Public part of Agenda

Report Title	Appointment of Head of Paid Service
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1. Recommendations

Council is asked to:

- (i) note the recommendations from the Employment Committee;
- (ii) to agree to the appointment of a Corporate Director to the role of Head of Paid Service, on a three month rotating basis, with an automatic vacation of the role thereafter;
- (iii) to note that the role will be known as the "Section 4 Statutory Officer".

2. Summary

The report seeks Council's approval for the appointment of a Corporate Director to the role of Head of Paid Service, on a three-month rotating basis. To prevent role confusion, the appointment will be termed "Section 4 Statutory Officer".

3. Report Background

- 3.1 Members will be aware that John Edwards has been appointed as Interim Chief Executive. Mr Edwards has been given full powers of a Chief Executive. However, as is normal in interim contracts, Mr Edwards will not technically be an “officer” of the Council.
- 3.2 Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 places a legal duty on the Council to appoint “one of its officers” as Head of Paid Service.
- 3.3 There is, therefore, a technical legal reason for the statutory role of Head of Paid Service to be held by an officer. To prevent role confusion the Statutory role will be referred to as the “Section 4 Statutory Officer”.
- 3.4 The Employment Committee considered the issue at its meeting on 26 February 2007, and resolved to recommend to full Council that a Corporate Director be appointed to the role on a three month rotating basis, with an automatic vacation of the role thereafter.

4. Consultees (Internal and External)

Internal	Employment Committee
External	None

5. Background Papers

Title	Description	Source
Employment Committee Papers 26 February 2007	Committee papers	Meeting Services (restricted item)

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