

## SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Council **DATE:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

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### PART I FOR DECISION

#### APPOINTMENT OF ITERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

##### 1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks the appointment of an Interim Head of Paid Services.

##### 2 Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve that Roger Parkin, Interim Chief Executive, be appointed as the Council's Interim Head of Paid Services with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.

##### 3 Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The Head of Paid Service along with the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer combine to form the Council's Statutory Officer functions. These roles are key to ensuring lawfulness, fairness, probity and general good governance that support the council in achieving its aims. It is important that they work effectively together yet maintain appropriate independence and that the roles are undertaken by adequately skilled and experienced staff supported by appropriate resources.

##### 4 Other Implications

###### (a) Financial

None.

###### (b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

The appointment of a Head of Paid Service is a statutory requirement under Section 5, Local Government & Housing Act 1989. The Council has the power to designate and appoint the Head of Paid Service.

##### 5 Supporting Information

5.1 At its meeting on 22 February 2007 the Council appointed Ruth Bagley as the Council's Head of Paid Services until further notice.

5.2 The Council's Head of Paid Services has a number of functions which are defined within the Council's constitution.

- Overall corporate management and operational responsibility (including overall management responsibility for all officers).
- Provision of professional advice to all parties in the decision making process.
- Together with the Monitoring Officer, responsibility for a system of record keeping for all the Council's decisions.
- Representing the Council on partnership and external bodies (as required by statute or the Council).
- Policy & Communications
- Professional Services

5.3 The Council is committed to appointing permanent officers to the statutory officer roles but pending a permanent appointment a temporary appointment is necessary.

## 6 **Conclusion**

The role of the Head of Paid Service is an important element in the Council's structure and processes. The arrangements outlined in this report will ensure that the functions continue to be discharged appropriately until a permanent member of staff is appointed.

## 7 **Background Papers**

None.