

Slough Borough Council Best Value Commissioners

22 November 2024

To: Sukdave Ghuman, Monitoring Officer, Slough Borough Council [by email]

Dear Sukdave,

Commissioners' Decision on continued appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Services

On 22 March 2024, the Commissioners decided to appoint Will Tuckley as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Services for Slough Borough Council from 15 April 2024. This was reported to Full Council on 25 April 2024.

Will Tuckley was appointed Managing Director Commissioner by the Secretary of State to fulfil the role of a commissioner on 20 November at the same time as fulfilling the role of Chief Executive for the Council. The expectation is that Will Tuckley will be responsible for the day to day operations and as such I have used my power to appoint Mr Tuckley to the role of Chief Executive, with the role of Head of Paid Service designated to this post.

This decision is in accordance with Section 4(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001. These Regulations set out the process for such appointments, which must be incorporated into an authority's Standing Orders. Those Regulations, at Schedule 1 Pt 2 para 4(1), require such an appointment to be approved by the authority. This would normally be done by Full Council. However, the commissioners hold default powers to make such appointments and designations pursuant to Annex B of the Secretary of State's Directions dated 1 September 2022 under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 and I am exercising this power, on behalf of the Council, in accordance with the Directions.

Will Tuckley has been operating as chief executive since April 2024 and is an experienced senior leader in local government. The appointment will allow Will Tuckley to continue in his role as Chief Executive, whilst also holding the powers of a commissioner. This will allow for closer collaboration between the commissioners and senior officers.

This decision will be reported to Full Council at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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