

URGENT LATE ITEM

COUNCIL

18 October commencing at 7.00pm

Meeting in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston, NG9 1AB

I refer to the Agenda you will have already received for the above mentioned meeting and enclose the following Urgent item which has been agreed to be added to the agenda by the Mayor:

Reason for late submission:

Details were finalised following the deadline for submission.

Title of Report

Appointment of Monitoring Officer



Date: 16 October 2017

Chief Executive



Date: 16 October 2017

Mayor

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

SUBMISSION OF URGENT ITEM

1. Meeting – COUNCIL
2. Date of Meeting – 18 OCTOBER 2017
3. Title of Report – APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER
4. Reason for late submission of report

DETAILS WERE FINALISED FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

5. Reason to be specified in the minutes why the item should be considered as a matter of urgency

THE REPORT PROVIDES MONITORING OFFICER CAPABILITIES REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL.

6. Item submitted by

Name and Designation – RUTH HYDE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Date and time – 16/10/17 14.45pm

Signature 

7. Item received by – JEREMY WARD

Name and Designation – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Date and time – 16/10/17 14.45pm

Signature 

8. Approval of Mayor

In accordance with Section 100 B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 I
*approve/do not approve the submission of the item referred to at paragraph 3
to the meeting stated above.

Signed 

Date 16/10/17

Report of the Chief Executive

URGENT ITEM – APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER1. Purpose of report

To update members on discussions with Nottinghamshire County Council to supply the Council's Monitoring Officer role.

2. Background

At the Policy and Performance Committee held on 3 October 2017 members were informed that "Monitoring Officer responsibilities are to report on matters he or she believes are, or are likely to be, illegal or which amount to maladministration; to be responsible for matters relating to the conduct of councillors and officers; and to be responsible for the operation of the Council's Constitution. Whilst the Deputy Monitoring Officers have been able to discharge the Monitoring Officer responsibilities up to this point, this arrangement is not sustainable in the longer term. It is proposed that discussions take place with the County Council with a view to the discharge of this function by their Legal Department through a named individual."

It was resolved by the Committee that 'discussions be held with the County Council concerning the discharge of Monitoring Officer responsibilities'.

3. Further information

The County Council's Monitoring Officer, Jayne Francis-Ward has agreed to be named as Broxtowe's Monitoring Officer for a twelve week trial period and to be assisted in her duties as necessary by a senior Solicitor from the County Council, Susan Bearman.

4. Financial implications

Assuming an estimated cost of £85 per hour for the County Council's Monitoring Officer, this would equate to a total of £3,060 based upon three hours per week over a twelve week period. Any costs for the support of a Senior Solicitor would be additional to this.

Recommendation

Council is asked to RESOLVE that Nottinghamshire County Council's Monitoring Officer, Jayne Francis-Ward, act as Broxtowe Borough Council's Monitoring Officer for a twelve week trial period.

Background papers

Nil