

MINUTE EXTRACT

STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

5 DECEMBER 2016

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STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER

The Assistant Director: Law and Governance introduced the item, and informed that the Committee was requested to consider the recommendation of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Working Group, 16 November 2016 (Minute 65 refers):

“That the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee (and subsequently Council) be recommended to agree the appointment of the Head of Intelligence as the Council’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer, in place of the Managing Director for Delivery.”

Members noted that Section 9FB of the Localism Act 2011 placed a duty on County and Unitary Councils to designate an Officer to act as the Council’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer to undertake the following statutory functions:

- Promote the role of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- Provide support to the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the members of those bodies;
- Provide support and guidance to Members and Officers of the Council and the Executive on the functions of its Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Members further noted that the Statutory Scrutiny Officer could not be the Council’s Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), Chief Finance Officer or Monitoring Officer.

Resolved –

That COUNCIL BE RECOMMENDED to agree the appointment of the Head of Intelligence as the Council’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer, in place of the Managing Director for Delivery.