

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 15

## COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCIL

13 JULY 2016

### APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

#### BRYN ROBERTS, MONITORING OFFICER/HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To request approval for the appointment of the Interim Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

#### BACKGROUND

2. Following the announcement of the retirement of the Chief Executive, the Chief Officer Appointments Committee met on Friday, 8 July 2016, to consider recruitment options for a successor. Having considered a report by the Monitoring Officer, and taking account of the views of the current Chief Executive, the Chief Officer Appointments Committee decided as follows:
  - That a report should be submitted to council seeking approval for Tony Parkinson, Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services to be appointed as the Interim Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service;
  - Subject to Council confirmation, a formal offer be made for an initial period of up to twelve months, to allow flexibility for the further senior management reviews that will commence during that period; and
  - Authority to extend that initial interim period, by up to 6 months, be delegated to the Mayor, should such extension be required.
3. However, prior to the formal offer of appointment being confirmed, the above decisions need to be approved by the Council. This procedure is a requirement of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001. The Regulations further stipulate that the Council's Proper Officer must notify all members of the Executive of the proposed appointee. Thereafter the offer cannot be made until: the Mayor informs the Proper Officer that no Executive member has any objections; no objections are received; or that any objections are determined to be not material or well founded.
4. The Executive were formally advised of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee decision on 8 July 2016, and were asked to register any objections by 12:00 noon on 12 July 2016 (in order that the matter could be brought before Council on 13 July 2016).

## **PROPOSALS**

5. That the appointment be approved providing no objections to the proposed appointee have been received.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6. The post is funded and on the permanent establishment of the Council.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7. That:
  - a) the appointment of Mr Tony Parkinson as the Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, for an initial period of 12 months, be approved, and a formal offer be confirmed; and
  - b) the Mayor be authorised to extend the initial 12 month period by up to an additional six months, if he considers it appropriate.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. None.

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