

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13

COUNCIL MEETING

26 JULY 2017

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE & HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

MONITORING OFFICER: BRYN ROBERTS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. Subject to the verbal update referred to in paragraph 6, to seek Council's approval for the appointment of Mr Tony Parkinson as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

BACKGROUND

2. Council will recall that, following the retirement of the former Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Mike Robinson, it agreed to the appointment of Mr Tony Parkinson as Interim Chief Executive for an initial period of 12 months, with authority delegated to the Mayor to extend that appointment by a further 6 months.

3. The Chief Officer Appointments Committee met on 12 July 2017 to consider the recruitment route for the permanent role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. That committee agreed that it would pursue an internal recruitment, and would seek expressions of interest for the permanent role from the Interim Chief Executive, Executive Directors, and Strategic Director. Only one application was received, and that applicant proceeded to interview.

4. On 17 July 2017, the Chief Officer Appointments Committee met and interviewed Mr Parkinson for the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. The unanimous decision of the committee was to recommend to Council that Mr Parkinson be appointed to the permanent post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

5. However, in accordance with Rule 4(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (as amended), Council must approve that appointment before an offer of appointment is made. In addition, Rule 5(2)(b) requires that such an offer of appointment must not be made until the proper officer has notified every member of the executive of the authority of: the name of the person to whom the committee wishes to make the officer; any other particulars relevant to the appointment which the committee has notified to the proper officer; and the period within which any objection to the making of the officer is to be made by the elected mayor on behalf of the executive to the proper officer.

6. Notice was sent to all members of the Executive by e-mail on the morning of Tuesday, 18 July 2017, requesting details of any objection to be provided to the Mayor by the close of business on 21 July 2017, in accordance with Rule 3(b) of the Officer

Employment Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution. A verbal update on any objections will be provided at the Council meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report, as the post is funded and on the permanent establishment of the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that, subject to the verbal update referred to in paragraph 6, Council approves the appointment of Mr Tony Parkinson as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, and a formal offer be made to Mr Parkinson on that basis.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. There are no background papers to this report.

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