Report of the Assistant Director: Organisational Development

Item number: 4 Meeting 5th October 2023

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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APPROVAL OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 For Council to approve the interim arrangements for the Head of Paid Service (including Returning Officer) following the agreement in principle by the Appointments and Employment Committee on 14th September 2023

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Under the Officer Employment Procedures it is required that Chief Officers are appointed by a Committee of the Council.
- 2.2 Appointments and Employment Committee is discharged on the Council's behalf (in line with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules in part D rule 8 of the Constitution) all relevant functions. These relate to the appointment, dismissal and associated decisions on terms and conditions, including the designation of statutory Chief Officers.
- 2.3 It should be noted that Council must approve the appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service before an offer of appointment is made.
- 2.4 The Appointments and Employment Committee convened on 14th September 2023 and approved some temporary changes to the senior management structure. Part of those temporary changes included the Director: Economy & Environment (now Director Outcomes) be appointed as the Head of Paid Service (including Returning Officer) on an interim basis until the executive recruitment process has been concluded and a new Chief Executive is in place.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 To approve the interim arrangements for the role of Head of Paid Service (including Returning Officer).

3.2 To reject the proposals outlined in this report.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Council has embarked on an executive recruitment process and therefore an interim arrangement is required to discharge statutory responsibilities until a new Chief Executive is in place.
- 4.2 In order to ensure the capacity at a senior level to discharge statutory responsibilities and ensure appropriate cover arrangements are in place temporary changes to the senior management structure have been made.
- 5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)
 - 5.1 There are no additional staffing costs associated with this process.
- 6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)
 - 6.1 None identified.
- 7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
 - 7.1 N/A
- 8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED
 - 8.1 Trade Unions have been consulted on this issue.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 Council approves the interim appointment to the Head of Paid Service (including Returning Officer) until a new Chief Executive is in place.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – Minutes of the Appointments and Employment Committee 14th September 2023.