

REPORT OF THE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
PART I

1. INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 1.1. At the Extraordinary Council meeting on 21 June 2021, it was agreed that the Director of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Williamson be appointed as the new Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service). Mrs Williamson formally takes up this appointment on 19 July 2021.
- 1.2. Following the decision of the Extraordinary Council, at a meeting of the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee on 5 July 2021, proposed adjustments to the senior management structure were considered and agreed. With respect to the Director of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer role becoming vacant as a result of the Chief Executive appointment, this comprised:
 - The deletion of the post of Director of Corporate Resources
 - The expansion of the role of the current Head of Finance, to be redesignated as Director of Corporate Operations and Chief Financial Officer.
- 1.3. In accordance with the County Council's Standing Orders, an Appointment Panel is required to confirm the appointment of the Director of Corporate Operations and Chief Financial Officer. This will be convened in September 2021, until which time the appointment has been made on an interim basis, to ensure that robust senior management arrangements are in place.
- 1.4. Part 1, Chapter 4, paragraph 1.17 of the County Council's Constitution reserves to the Full Council the responsibility for making arrangements for proper administration its financial affairs. In respect of this, the County Council is asked to approve the interim appointment of the Chief Financial Officer.
- 1.5. Following the Appointment Panel meeting in September, a further report will be presented to Council to consider confirmation of the interim appointment of the Chief Financial Officer on a permanent basis.

The full report to EHCC Committee can be found at the following link:

[EHCC Monday, 5th July](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the County Council:

- a. Approve the appointment of the Director of Corporate Operations as the interim Chief Financial Officer of the County Council.