# East Suffolk Shadow Authority

# SHADOW COUNCIL

Thursday 28 February 2019

# **APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (REP 36(SH))**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. The Shadow Authority is required to have in place certain statutory officers to serve as interim in the Shadow Period, these have previously been appointed to the Shadow Authority.
- 2. This report seeks to make the appointment of the Chief Finance Officer, Simon Taylor, permanent for East Suffolk Council once is it created on 1 April 2019.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Members:	Cllrs Mark Bee and Ray Herring
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The East Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018 (the 'Changes Order'), which came into effect on 25 May 2018, contains certain requirements on the Shadow Authority in order to function in the Shadow Period.
- 1.2 Article 9 of the Changes Order states that at the first meeting of the Shadow Authority, it must designate, on an interim basis, an officer of the SCDC/WDC to be
  - Interim Head of Paid Service
  - Interim Monitoring Officer
  - Interim Chief Finance Officer
- 1.3 At the first meeting of the East Suffolk Shadow Authority, on Monday 4 June 2018 (REP1(SH)), the Shadow Authority designated the following Officers as Interim Statutory Officers for the Shadow Period, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Changes Order:
  - Interim Head of Paid Service Stephen Baker
  - Interim Monitoring Officer Hilary Slater
  - Interim Chief Finance Officer Homira Javadi
- 1.4 The Shadow Authority also appointed the Interim Statutory Officers to become the East Suffolk Council Head of Paid Service, the East Suffolk Council Monitoring Officer and the East Suffolk Council Chief Finance Officer on 1 April 2019 and after, in accordance with Article 9(2) of the Changes Order.
- 1.5 Circumstances changed during that time, as Homira Javadi left the employment of the authorities and at the Shadow Council meeting in September 2018 a subsequent Interim Chief Finance Officer was appointed to the Shadow Authority, Simon Taylor, it was stated until such time that a permanent replacement was made to the position.

## 2 APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT STATUTORY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 2.1 At the respective Council meetings of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils in January 2019, a new Section 151 Officer serving both Suffolk Coastal DC and Waveney DC was appointed, Simon Taylor.
- 2.2 It is recommended that Simon Taylor is appointed to the permanent position of Chief Finance Officer for East Suffolk Council on 1 April 2019 and after.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Simon Taylor be appointed to the permanent position of Chief Finance Officer for East Suffolk Council on 1 April 2019 and after.

## APPENDICES

None

# **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please note that copies of background papers have not been published on the Council's website but copies of the background papers listed below are available for public inspection free of charge by contacting the relevant Council Department.

Date	Туре	Available From
25/05/18	East Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111167564/contents