

# East Suffolk Shadow Authority

Agenda  
Item 11

## SHADOW COUNCIL

Monday 3 September 2018

### APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (REP 2(SH))

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Shadow Authority is required to have in place certain statutory officers to serve as interim in the Shadow Period.
2. This report recommends appointment of an Interim Chief Finance Officer in light of the resignation of the previously appointed person from the first meeting of the Shadow Authority.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
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<b>Cabinet Members:</b>	Councillor Mark Bee and Councillor Ray Herring
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<b>Supporting Officer:</b>	Stephen Baker Chief Executive Officer Stephen.Baker@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
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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, places certain requirements on the Shadow Authority which enable it to function in the Shadow Period. The Shadow Period runs from 25 May 2018 until 6 May 2019.
- 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 have changed since this was agreed in June 2018, as Homira Javadi has since handed in her notice and will be leaving the Councils at the end of September 2018. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint an Interim Chief Finance Officer to act until such time as the post of Chief Finance Officer is filled on a permanent basis.

## **2 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM STATUTORY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Mr. Simon Taylor is appointed as the Interim Chief Finance Officer to the Shadow Authority from the date when Mrs Javadi leaves the Councils' employment until such time as a permanent replacement for the Chief Finance Officer is appointed by all three authorities, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Waveney District Council and the East Suffolk Shadow Authority. Mr Taylor is the Deputy s151 Officer currently, for both Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the permanent position of Chief Finance Officer for the East Suffolk Council is left vacant, pending the replacement of the permanent position.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Shadow Authority designates Simon Taylor as the Interim Chief Finance Officer from the date when Mrs Javadi leaves the Councils' employment until such time as a permanent replacement for the Chief Finance Officer is appointed by all three authorities, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Waveney District Council and the East Suffolk Shadow Authority.
2. That the East Suffolk Shadow Authority does not appoint to the permanent position of Chief Finance Officer for East Suffolk Council from 1 April 2019 onwards, until such time that the

vacancy created by Mrs Javadi's departure is filled on a permanent basis.

**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	Type	Available From
25/05/18	East Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111167564/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111167564/contents</a>