

**City & County of Swansea**

**Council – 6 JANUARY 2015**

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14.b Interim Designation of the Statutory Chief Education Officer.

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## Urgent Report of the Monitoring Officer

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### INTERIM DESIGNATION OF THE STATUTORY CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

<b>Purpose:</b>	For Council to designate the Director of People as the Statutory Chief Education Officer on an interim basis until the new Chief Education Officer commences their employment in the post.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Council Constitution Articles 12.2 and 12.3.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To comply with Section 532 of the Education Act 1996 and Articles 12.2 and 12.3 of the Council Constitution.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Presiding Officer.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that: 1) The Director of People is designated as the Council's Chief Education Officer on an interim basis until the new Chief Education Officer commences their employment in the post.
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<b>Legal Officer:</b>	Patrick Arran/Stephanie Williams
<b>Access to Services Officer:</b>	

#### 1.0 Statutory Chief Education Officer

- 1.1 The post of Chief Education Officer is a designated Statutory post under s532 of the Education Act 1996. This imposes a duty on the Council to appoint an Officer as its Chief Education Officer.
- 1.2 Arwyn Thomas the current Chief Education Officer's employment with the Council has ceased. The new Chief Education Officer appointed by the Council has not yet commenced their employment, therefore in the interim to comply with Statute this post needs to be designated.

1.3 It is proposed that Chris Sivers the Director of People is designated as the Chief Education Officer in the interim as she already has overall Corporate, Operational and Strategic management responsibility for the Chief Education Officer.

**2.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

None.

**3.0 Financial Implications**

3.1 None

**4.0 Legal Implications**

4.1 s532 of the Education Act 1996 specifies that there is a duty on a Local Authority to appoint a fit person to be the Chief Education Officer of the authority. This is a Statutory post whose responsibilities are outlined in Article 12.2 of the Constitution. Article 12.3.1 specifies that Council will designate the post.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None