

## Urgent Report of the Monitoring Officer

Council – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER

<b>Purpose:</b>	To appoint an officer as Interim Chief Social Services Officer
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	None
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b>	To allow for interim arrangements to comply with a legislative requirement
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) David Howes be appointed interim Chief Social Services Officer until such time as Deborah Driffield returns to work at which time the designation will revert immediately to her
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- 1.0 The authority must appoint a Director of Social Services which is a requirement of Section 6(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. In Swansea this post is referred to as the Chief Social Services Officer.
- 1.1 Mrs Deborah Driffield is appointed to the post of Chief Social Services Officer. Unfortunately, Mrs Driffield is currently off work due to ill health and an interim Chief Social Services Officer needs to be appointed to ensure that the authority complies with its legal obligations.
- 1.2 The Director People has asked the current Head of Child and Family Services, Mr David Howes, to act up into the role until Mrs Driffield returns to work and he has agreed to do so.
- 1.3 Therefore, Council is asked to appoint Mr Howes on an interim basis.

## **2.0 Equality Implications**

There are no equality implications arising from this report

## **3.0 Financial Implications**

Save for additional remuneration to be paid to Mr Howes in the interim, there are no other financial implications

## **4.0 Legal Implications**

Other than those mentioned in paragraph 1, there are no additional legal implications associated with this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None