

## Report of the Chief Executive

Council - 23 February 2017

### INTERIM DESIGNATION OF THE STATUTORY CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

<b>Purpose:</b>	To comply with Section 532 of the Education Act 1996 and Articles 12.2 and 12.3 of the Council Constitution by designating Nick Williams (Head of Learner Support Service), 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>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Nick Williams (Head of Learner Support Service), be 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>Finance Officer:</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Officer:</b>	Stephanie Williams
<b>Access to Services Officer:</b>	N/A

#### 1. 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 Lindsay Harvey the current Chief Education Officer's employment with the Authority ceases on 19 March 2017. The new Chief Education Officer appointed by 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 Nick Williams (Head of Learner Support Service), be designated as the Chief Education Officer in the interim.

**2. Equality and Engagement Implications**

2.1 None.

**3. Financial Implications**

3.1 None.

**4. 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