

24 June 2015		ITEM: 14
Council		
Appointment of Monitoring Officer		
Wards and communities affected: N/A	Key Decision: N/A	
Report of: Councillor J. Kent, Leader of the Council		
Accountable Head of Service: N/A		
Accountable Director: David Bull, Interim Chief Executive		
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Executive Summary

The Council is required to appoint a Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The appointment of the Monitoring Officer is reserved to the Council and cannot be made by any other body.

The Council are requested to agree to the recommendation of the Interview Panel Established by the General Services Committee on the 16 June 2015.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That David Lawson be appointed as Monitoring Officer of Thurrock Council.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This report seeks Councils formal approval to appoint Mr David Lawson as Monitoring Officer following a meeting of the General Services Committee on 16 June, which unanimously agreed to recommend Council to appoint him to the post.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council has a statutory duty to appoint a designated Monitoring Officer.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 To appoint a new Monitoring Officer following a meeting of General Services Committee

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 N/A

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 N/A

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Sean Clark**
Head of Corporate Finance

There are no additional financial implications arising from this report as any additional cost is met from reduced charges relating to the previous Monitoring Officer.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Fiona Taylor**
Head of Legal Services

In accordance with section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, The Council must appoint an officer to be its designated Monitoring Officer. The steps taken to enable a formal appointment by the Council have been made in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Rules set out in Chapter 10 of the Constitution.

The appointment of the Monitoring Officer must be approved by Full Council and the officer to be appointed to this position must not be the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) or the Head of Paid Service. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires Councils to appoint a Monitoring Officer to ensure the lawfulness and fairness of Council decision making and the role of the Monitoring Officer at Thurrock is set out Chapter 1, Part 2, Article 12 of the Council's Constitution.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Community Development and Equalities Manager

The Council is under a statutory obligation to ensure that appropriate equality consideration is given in the exercise of its services and functions.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

N/A

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- N/A

9. **Appendices to the report**

- N/A

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