

Interim Appointments of Acting Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer

RECOMMENDATION 5

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Purpose and Background

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty to appoint a Head of Paid Services, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the Borough. At Crawley Borough Council these positions are designated to the Chief Executive. With the impending departure of Natalie Brahma-Pearl as the Council's Chief Executive, from 21 September 2023, these posts become vacant. The Council is therefore required to appoint to these posts in the interim, until such time as a new Chief Executive is appointed and in post.

2. Recommendations – (Recommendation 5)

- 2.1 That Ian Duke (Deputy Chief Executive) be appointed Acting Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, the Council's Returning Officer, and Electoral Registration Officer, until a newly appointed Chief Executive is in post.
- 2.2 That the Head of Governance, People & Performance be empowered to amend the Council's Constitution and the relevant Schemes of Delegation to take into account the above interim appointments, to ensure that the Council is able to function seamlessly in the interim.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 To comply with the provision of Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in respect of the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.
- 3.2 To comply with the requirement of the Representation of the People Act 1983, namely Sections 8, 28(1), 35 and 52(2) respectively, in relation to the appointment of the Council's Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer.