

SHADOW GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
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24 NOVEMBER 2008

SUBJECT	DESIGNATION OF S.151 OFFICER AND DEPUTY (To seek approval for a change of Responsible Officer)
REPORT OF	Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Legal & Democratic Services
<i>Contact Officer: Clive Heaphy (Tel: 01462 611421) and Barbara Morris (01462 611029)</i>	

IMPLICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY	None
FINANCIAL	None
LEGAL	Local Government Act 1972 and Local Government Act 1985
PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	None
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SAFETY	None
TRADES UNIONS	None
HUMAN RIGHTS	None

OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT

Shadow Council, 10 April 2008

RECOMMENDATION(S):

<p>that the Director of Corporate Resources, Clive Heaphy, be designated as the s.151 Officer and the Head of Finance, Matt Bowmer, as the Deputy s.151 Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council with immediate effect.</p>
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Background to the report

1. The s.151 Officer, under the Local Government Act 1972 has the specific statutory responsibility to ensure the proper arrangements of the Authority's financial affairs. Mid Bedfordshire District Council's Chief Finance Officer is the designated interim s.151 Officer for the Council and this role is support by a nominated Deputy s.151 Officer under Article 12 of the Shadow Constitution.
2. Members will recall at the their Council meeting on 10 April 2008, that an interim s.151 Officer, David Sutherland, Chief Finance Officer, was appointed in accordance with the Structural Changes Order for Bedfordshire. This interim arrangement will now cease upon the appointment of Clive Heaphy as the Director of Corporate Resources who has within his remit the designation as s.151 Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council.

3. Members will also be aware that appointments to Heads of Service for the new Authority have taken place. As a consequence Matt Bowmer has been appointed as Head of Finance and will be designated Deputy s.151 Officer.
 4. Both of these Officers are financially qualified and of sufficient status to carry out the important role in respect of the new Central Bedfordshire Council.
 5. The necessary amendments will made to the Constitution to reflect these changes.
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Background Papers: N/A

Location of Papers: Priory House, Chicksands

File Reference: N/A