

<b>SHADOW GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>
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<b>24 NOVEMBER 2008</b>
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL</b>  (To seek approval for confirmation of Responsible Officer)
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services</b>
<i>Contact Officer: Clive Heaphy (Tel: 01462 611421) and Barbara Morris (01462 611029)</i>	

### IMPLICATIONS

<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	None
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL</b>	Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1985 and the Local Government Act 2000
<b>PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	None
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SAFETY</b>	None
<b>TRADES UNIONS</b>	None
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	None

<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT</b>
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<b>RECOMMENDATION(S):</b>
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<b>that the Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services, Barbara Morris, be designated the Monitoring Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council with immediate effect.</b>
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### Background to the report

1. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it shall be the duty of every Local Authority to designate one of their officers to be known as the Monitoring Officer who is responsible for performing duties in relation to governance and ethical matters. The Act also requires the Authority to provide that officer with such staff, accommodation and other resources as are, in his/her opinion, sufficient to allow them to carry out their duties.
2. Members will recall at the their Council meeting on 10 April 2008, that an Interim Monitoring Officer, Barbara Morris, was appointed in accordance with the Structural Changes Order for Bedfordshire. This interim arrangement will now cease upon the appointment of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services for Central Bedfordshire Council.

3. Members will be aware that appointments to Heads of Service in the new Authority have taken place. As a consequence Barbara Morris has been appointed Head of Legal and Democratic Services and needs confirmation in respect of the designation as Monitoring Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council.
  4. The necessary amendments will be made to the Constitution to reflect this change under Article 15(2).
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**Background Papers:** N/A

**Location of Papers:** Priory House, Chicksands

**File Reference:** N/A