

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Staffing Committee

Date of Meeting: 28 April 2015
Report of: Chief Executive
Subject/Title: Director of Children's Services

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 Purpose

To advise the Committee on the Interim arrangements to cover the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services.

Background

Members will be aware that Tony Crane, Director of Children's Services leaves the Council on the 1st May 2015. Arrangements are in place through this Committee to appoint a permanent replacement.

In practice there will be a gap between Tony's departure, and the commencement of a replacement. As a consequence it has been necessary for me, as Head of Paid Service, to consider an interim arrangement.

Following a consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding Children and Adults I discussed the opportunity with the relevant Senior Managers within Children's Services before making a final determination.

I have offered the role to Nigel Moorhouse, Head of Early Intervention and Prevention, on an acting basis from 1st May 2015 until the commencement of a permanent replacement.

Nigel's appointment secures leadership continuity in respect of safeguarding children and young people within the borough, and ensures a focus is retained on the improvement agenda across the department.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That this report be noted by the Committee.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To ensure continuity in the statutory accountability for Children's Services.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 No specific ward affected

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 No direct implications arising from this report.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 No direct implications arising from this report.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 This report enables cover to be established for the statutory officer role.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 No significant risks identified as a result of this update report. Risks relating to specific issues will be dealt with separately.

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