

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS

ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN

SERIAL NO 520

SUBJECT MATTER: Appointment of Section 151 Officer.

COMMITTEE TO WHICH MATTER RELATES: Council

REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:

The appointment needs to be effective from 25 December 2014 and would have been considered by the Council at its October meeting. However this meeting has been cancelled owing to there being insufficient business and it is necessary to make the appointment in advance of the next scheduled meeting – 16 December.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 to secure that one of its officers has responsibility for the proper administration of its financial affairs.

Barry Hunter, Corporate Manager – Financial Services, currently holds this responsibility, but is leaving the Council's service and will cease to carry out this function after 24 December 2014.

It is proposed that Katherine Steel, the Section 151 Officer for Mid Suffolk District Council, also takes on this responsibility for Babergh.

The Council needs to decide its Section 151 appointment so that resources can be recruited to the Finance Team to carry out Barry Hunter's workload.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

There are no financial implications

ACTION AUTHORISED:

To agree that with effect from 25 December 2014, Katherine Steel, Head of Corporate Resources for Babergh and Mid Suffolk, takes on the officer responsibility for the administration of Babergh District Council's financial affairs as required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

DATE ACTION AUTHORISED:

16 October 2014

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