

# Appointment of Head of Paid Service

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Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides that it is the duty of every authority to designate one of its officers as the head of its paid service and to provide that officer with such staff, accommodation and other resources, sufficient to allow him to perform his duties. Under Article 4.4 of the Constitution, Council designates the Chief Executive as Head of the Paid Service under Section 4 of the Act.

In May, Council was advised of the arrangements in place for the recruitment of a Chief Executive following the resignation of Joanna Killian and agreed that the statutory role of Head of the Paid Service be discharged by the Council's current Executive Directors on a rotating basis pending the new Chief Executive taking up the appointment.

Following a rigorous recruitment process the Chief and Deputy Chief Officer Panel will be interviewing shortlisted candidates prior to the Council meeting and will select a preferred candidate for recommendation to the Council.

### **Recommended:**

To agree to appoint the recommended candidate as the new Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service of ECC and to terminate the interim Head of Paid Service arrangements with effect from the date on which the new Chief Executive takes up post.