

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

24 March 2021

Report of the Managing Executive Director (CCP)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLACE - NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

1. Purpose of the Report

To notify Council of the appointment to the post of Executive Director, Place, seek approval for the department to be renamed 'Place' and obtain agreement for consequential amendments to the Constitution.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting on 3 February 2021, Council authorised an appointment panel comprising Cllr Spencer, Cllr King and Cllr Wall, as permitted within the Council's Constitution, to make the appointment to the post of Executive Director, Place. Council considered it was not in either the Council's or the successful applicant's interest to delay approval for appointment to this post until its meeting on 24 March 2021, given the urgency of filling this post on an established basis as soon as possible. It was agreed that Council should receive a report confirming details of the successful candidate to the meeting on 24 March 2021.

Following a competitive recruitment process, of a strong field of applicants, Chris Henning has been selected for appointment and will take up post on 17 May 2021. Chris has outstanding experience, having led economic, transport and place development over the last seven years at Nottingham City and having previously worked in Government at the Department of Trade & Industry (now the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy) and was considered to be eminently suitable for appointment.

The Department is currently known as Economy, Transport and Environment and it is proposed that this is re-named 'Place' with effect from 17 May 2021 when Chris takes up the post.

As a consequence, and in order to ensure the references to the corporate management team and council structure are up to date, it is proposed that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be

authorised to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to remove references to:

- Executive Director - Economy, Transport and Environment and replace with Executive Director – Place; and Economy, Transport and Environment department and replace with ‘Place’ division.

3. Legal Considerations

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 and the Council’s Constitution set out the procedure for the appointment of chief officers and officers reporting directly to chief officers. The recruitment process has observed these requirements.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background Papers

Files held by the Director of Organisation Development and Policy.

7. Officers’ Recommendation

That Council:

- a) notes the appointment of Chris Henning to the post of Executive Director, Place with effect from 17 May 2021;
- b) agrees that the Economy, Transport and Environment department be renamed Place department with effect from 17 May 2021; and
- c) authorises the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary changes to the Constitution as set out in the report.

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