

North Yorkshire County Council

19 February 2014

Appointment of Monitoring Officer Report of the Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek designation by the Council, of an officer to undertake the role of Monitoring Officer with effect from 1 April 2014.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Council must have a Monitoring Officer under the provisions of Section 5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Monitoring Officer has statutory responsibility for ensuring that decisions of the Authority are lawful and for supporting the work of the Authority's ethical framework.

3.0 Recent Developments

- 3.1 The current Monitoring Officer is retiring with effect from 31 March 2014.
- 3.2 The County Council has appointed Barry Khan, who is currently working at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, to the post of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which includes the duties of Monitoring Officer. He will be commencing employment with the County Council on 7 April 2014.
- 3.3 As the role of Monitoring Officer is statutory, the Council must formally designate Barry Khan to be its Monitoring Officer with effect from 7 April 2014.

4.0 Interim Appointment

- 4.1 There will be an interim period between 31 March 2014 and the date when Barry Khan commences employment with the County Council. It is recommended that, during the interim period, Catriona Gatrell (Legal Manager Corporate Services) should act as the Council's Monitoring Officer.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Barry Khan be designated as Monitoring Officer from 7 April 2014. .
- 5.2 That Catriona Gatrell (Legal Manager Corporate Services) be designated as the Authority's Monitoring Officer during the interim period between 1 April 2014 and 7 April 2014.

Richard Flinton Chief Executive
North Yorkshire County Council
10 February 2014

Background Documents:
Local Government and Housing Act 1989
NYCC Constitution