

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 JULY 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY S151 OFFICER

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to appoint Gill Lewis as the Deputy S151 Officer on the retirement of the present office holder.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The appointment to the Office of Deputy S151 officer connects to all improvement objectives and priorities in the protection of probity within the Authority

3. Background

- 3.1 The Authority is required to appoint a S151 officer and has effected that appointment. The Requirement is provided by S151 of the Local Government Act 1972 and provides that... every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs

- 3.2 The appointment of a Deputy S151 officer is discretionary and the appointment normally rests with the S151 officer.

- 3.3 The role of the Deputy is to undertake the responsibilities of the S151 Officer sometimes in part at the instruction of the S151 Officer or in entirety during periods of absence of the S151 Officer.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 The current Deputy S151 Officer is due to retire at the end of July and this report seeks the appointment of Gill Lewis to that role.

- 4.2 The appointment is normally made by the S151 Officer however it is known that the post holder is unavailable to make the appointment. It is advised therefore that Council makes the appointment.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications in this report

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The costs are within the existing Directorate budget

8. Recommendation

That the Council appoints Gill Lewis as Deputy S151 Officer on the retirement of the present office holder.

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Background documents: None other than those identified within the report.