

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	COUNCIL	
MEETING DATE:	14th February 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Designation of Statutory Officer for Adult Social Services & Children's Services	
WARD:	ALL	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b>		
None		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to the designation of the Strategic Director - People & Communities (CM Bowden) as the Council's statutory Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services with immediate effect.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council designate Charles Michael Bowden, Strategic Director – People & Communities as its 'Director of Adult Social Services' and 'Director of Children's Services' in accordance with section 6 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and section 18 of the Children's Act 2004 respectively, with immediate effect.

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this report as the cost of this role is factored into existing budgets.

### 4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Section 6 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 and Section 18 of the Children's Act 2004 requires the Council to designate one or more of its officers in the statutory roles of Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services.
- 4.2 With Ashley Ayre's now designated as Head of Paid Service (who was previously the Council's Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services), the Council needs to designate another officer to fulfil these statutory roles.
- 4.3 It is proposed that Charles Michael Bowden, who has been appointed to the role of Strategic Director – People & Communities on an interim basis, be designated

as the Council's Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has not been undertaken. The Council has a statutory responsibility to make these arrangements.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

6.1 None –this is a statutory requirement. Both postholders are aware of the preparation of this report and support its recommendations.

## **7 ADVICE SOUGHT**

7.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer have had an opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 - section 6 Children's Act 2004 - section 18</i>
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