

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**  
**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

### **Summary**

1. This report requests the Council to consider appointing one of the officers of the authority as Interim Chief Executive (Head of the Paid Service), as required by section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.

### **Recommendation**

2. The Council is **recommended** to appoint Dr Kevan Collins, currently Director of Children's Services, as Interim Chief Executive (Head of the Paid Service) from 1 August 2009 until a permanent appointment is made.

### **Background**

3. As Members will be aware the Chief Executive will be leaving the authority's service on 31 July 2009. The Deputy Chief Executive is Kevan Collins who is also the Director of Children's Services. The post of Deputy is intended to cover for short periods when the Chief Executive is on annual leave. The provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 require every relevant authority to "designate one of their officers as head of the paid service". The Chief Executive is currently the Head of the Paid Service.
4. There will be a recruitment process over the next few months to fill the post of Chief Executive. However, both the Director of Children's Services post and the Chief Executive post are significant in terms of workload and it is not possible for dual roles to continue for several months. It is therefore proposed that the Deputy Chief Executive is appointed as Interim Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) and that acting up arrangements will cover the Director of Children's Service.

### **Comments of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)**

5. The statutory duty to designate a Head of Paid Service is referred to in paragraph 3 above. Additionally Article 12 of the Council's Constitution at paragraph 12.01 (c) (page 30) provides that the Council has designated the officer holding the post of Chief Executive to be Head of the Paid Service.

### **Comments of the Chief Financial Officer**

6. All proposals set out within the report can be managed within existing budgets.