


Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>General Purposes Committee</b>  24 June 2021	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of: Director of HR &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Update on Senior Recruitment – June 2021</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Catriona Hunt, Head of HR
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards or state wards

### Executive Summary

This report updates Members on senior posts and recent recruitment activity.

### Recommendations:

The General Purposes Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the current position on the recruitment to senior management vacancies in the Council structure.

## 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 General Purposes Committee has responsibility for the appointment to Chief/Deputy Chief Officer posts. It is usual practice for the Committee to establish Appointment Sub-Committees to fulfil the recruitment process and to receive regular progress reports.
- 1.3 Section 5.2 of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules says the engagement of Chief Officers, to permanent positions or interim positions of over three (3) months, will be through the normal recruitment process overseen by the General Purposes Committee.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 Background

General Purposes Committee received a report in February 2021 which provided an update on the recruitment to the posts established in the review of the Senior Leadership Team conducted in November and December 2020.

This report sets out the current status of recruitment to vacant senior roles in the corporate structure.

## 2.2 Senior Management vacancies and progress of recruitment

Detail of the progress on the recruitment to senior roles is set out in the tables below. This also includes the interim arrangements.

### 2.2.1 Posts recruited to since last report

2.2. 2 Post	Director of Education (Children and Culture Directorate)	Stephen Nyakatawa started in post on 17 May 2021.
	Director of Customer Services (Resources and Governance Directorate)	Raj Chand started in post on 1 June 2021.

### Posts being currently being recruited to, or within the next 3 months

Job title and directorate	Current arrangements	Comments
Corporate Director of Resources and Governance (S.151 Officer)	Retaining current interim arrangements until later this year (Nov/Dec) pending recommencement of recruitment to this role	Interviews were held on the 20 May 2021, however, an appointment has not been made. Recruitment will recommence later this year to be completed by December 2021.
Director of Finance (Deputy S. 151 Officer) (Resources and Governance Directorate)	Arrangements have been put in place to cover the duties of this role with an interim.	Longlisting meeting took place on the 24 May and ASC Shortlisting meeting is scheduled for 10 June. Final interviews are scheduled for the 17 June.

## 3. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The Council is committed to equalities and such considerations will be part of the recruitment process and informs the procurement process. All posts are recruited to on merit. Recruitment to the vacancies has been carried out in accordance with the Council's procedures.

## 4. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
  - Consultations,
  - Environmental (including air quality),
  - Risk Management,
  - Crime Reduction,
  - Safeguarding.
- 4.2 Recruitment to the senior management structure enables the Council to deliver excellent services for residents and deliver the associated financial saving.
- 4.3 Risks associated with recruitment have been mitigated by the engagement of specialised recruitment adviser(s).
- 4.4 There are no other specific implications arising from this report.

## **5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 5.1 The posts are part of the core management team structure agreed and sufficient base budget funding has been set aside to meet the cost associated with those posts.

## **6. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 6.1 This report provides an update on Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Recruitment Activity and extensions to interim appointments and there are no legal implications in relation to this.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- none

### **Appendices**

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