

# COUNCIL MEETING 12 MAY 2020

# ADDITIONAL REPORT AND AMENDED AGENDA FRONT SHEET



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4 May 2020

To: All Councillors

As a Member of the **Council**, please treat this as your summons to attend an extraordinary virtual meeting on **Tuesday**, **12 May at 6.00pm** via the Zoom application. (Joining details will be provided separately).

Yours sincerely

Sandra Lamb Head of Corporate Services

## **AGENDA**

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Please advise the Committee Team on 01629 761133 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk">committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk</a> of any apologies for absence.

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#### 3. INTERESTS

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

#### 4. LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements of the Leader of the Council

### 5. QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)

Questions, if any, from Members who have given notice.

## 6. REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE RULES

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To consider the establishment of Remote Meeting Procedure Rules for virtual meetings of The Council, its Committees and Sub-Committees

#### 7. BUSINESS CONTINUITY DURING PEACETIME EMERGENCY

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To report back on urgent decisions taken during the current emergency situation, and to consider the establishment of an Emergency Committee to ensure transparent decision making in the short terms, whilst the nation is in lock down and social distancing is of paramount importance.

# 8. AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE – SUBSTITUTES AND DURATION OF MEETINGS

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To consider incorporating new Rules of Procedure into the Constitution to reduce the number of substitutes on committees, extend deadlines for nomination of substitutes and limit the overall duration of meetings.

#### **8A. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

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To confirm the appointment of James McLaughlin as Monitoring Officer for the District Council

#### 9. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

To authorise that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, if any, required completing transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to others, since the last meeting of the Council.

#### NOTE

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Agenda Item 8A

COUNCIL

12 MAY 2020

Report of the Chief Executive

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#### APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To confirm the appointment of James McLaughlin as Monitoring Officer for the District Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That James McLaughlin is appointed the District Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 10 August 2020.

WARDS AFFECTED

Not applicable

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under Section 5 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989 the Council is required to designate one of its officers as the Monitoring Officer for the Council. The Monitoring Officer may not be either the Council's Chief Finance Officer or the Chief Executive.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Officer's functions include:
  - Oversight and reporting of the operation of the Council's Constitutional arrangements and the decision making processes
  - Reporting on unlawfulness and maladministration
  - Investigating allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct and seeking rulings from the Council's Independent Person and arranging meetings of the Member Conduct Panel
  - Maintenance of the Register of Disclosable Interests
- 1.3 Sandra Lamb is currently the Monitoring Officer for Derbyshire Dales District and is due to commence flexible retirement on 1 June 2020, for a short period, to enable her successor to take up the position permanently.
- 1.4 Following interview for the position of Director of Corporate and Customer Services, which includes the Monitoring Officer's responsibilities, James McLaughlin has been appointed as Ms Lamb's successor to take up the position on 10 August 2020. Council is now required to confirm the appointment as Monitoring Officer.

#### 2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1 Legal

The Council is under a statutory obligation to appoint a Monitoring Officer under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and under s.113 of the Local Government Act 1972, a local authority may put their officers at the disposal of another local authority for the purposes of exercising their functions.

#### 2.2 Financial

There are no financial risks arising from this report.

#### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

#### 4. CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### 5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

# 5.1 None