

Deputy County Solicitor

Report of the County Solicitor: Chief Officer for Legal, Human Resources and Communications

Recommendation:

That the Appointments and Remuneration Committee note the appointment of Mr Andrew Yendole to the role of Deputy County Solicitor, which includes the responsibility of acting as Deputy Monitoring Officer in support of the County Solicitor.

1. Introduction and background

The Appointments and Recruitment Committee is asked to note that in light of the role of County Solicitor, over the last 12 months experiencing an increase in its responsibilities to include all HR services and Corporate Health & Safety, the County Solicitor has less time to deal with the demands of the management of the Legal Section. The developments in HR and her involvement in the introduction of new corporate work streams and systems have necessitated a greater amount of her time devoted to the wider corporate agenda. This change in responsibilities coupled with the decision of the incumbent Deputy County Solicitor to reduce his hours to three days a week from April 2019, utilising the flexible retirement scheme, has left a vacuum to be filled.

A new, second post of Deputy County Solicitor has been created which will share the functions of the existing Deputy County Solicitor and have corporate tasks allocated to it.

2. Summary and Conclusion

Following a thorough recruitment process Andrew Yendole has been appointed to the role of Deputy County Solicitor, which includes the responsibility of acting as Deputy Monitoring Officer in support of the County Solicitor.

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