

## Decision of Chief Executive

3 February 2021

**Present:** David Stevens – Chief Executive

**Officers:** Sue Stanhope – Interim Director of HR  
Surjit Tour – Director of Law and Governance

### Appointment of Interim Director of Adult Social Care and statutory DASS

Section 6 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, requires the Council to designate one of its officers as the DASS to discharge the functions set out in the Act.

The post of Director of Adult Social Care has been vacant with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and is currently being recruited to on a permanent basis. In the interim between the previous DASS leaving and this interim arrangement being put in place temporary arrangements have been made within the council with the role being covered by a combination of the Chief Executive and Director of Business Strategy and Change. However, this is not a sustainable solution for this role for other than a very short period.

The Head of Paid Service, under the provisions set out in the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, has authority to appoint to the role of Director for a period not exceeding 6 months.

**Agreed** that approval be given to Katharine Willmette being appointed as Interim Director of Adult Social Care and the Council's Statutory DASS with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### Reason for Decision

In order for the Council to comply with the statutory requirement for one of its suitably qualified officers to be appointed as DASS, the Head of Paid Service has sought to make an interim appointment until such time as the post can be recruited to permanently. The process for the permanent recruitment is timetabled to be completed by the end of March 2021. A provisional interview date for permanent candidates has been set for 25<sup>th</sup> March.



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**David Stevens Chief Executive**

**Date Decision 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**