

Status of Report: Public **Agenda Item: 12**

Meeting: Combined Fire Authority

Date: 22 June 2016

Subject: Appointment of Monitoring Officer

Report by: The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer

For: Noting action taken under delegated powers

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the CFA of the appointment of a new Monitoring Officer following the retirement of the CFA's Monitoring Officer.

Recommendations

Monitoring Officer

2. The CFA is asked to note that the CFA's Monitoring Officer Andrew James retired on 31 March 2016 and that following consultations with the Chairman and Vice Chairman Lauren Haslam, his replacement as the County Council's Solicitor (with a new job title of Director of Law and Governance), was appointed as the CFA's Monitoring Officer.

Report Detail

Previous Decisions

3. On the 9 December the CFA agreed changes to its governance arrangements and its management structure including the appointment of the County Council's Solicitor as the CFA's Monitoring Officer. Lauren Haslam was approached and she indicated she was willing to serve as the CFA's Monitoring Officer.
4. The position of the Deputy Monitoring Officer is strictly a personal appointment of the Monitoring Officer. The understanding was that the City Council's Monitoring Officer acting as Deputy. The latter would be a useful provision in the event of a conflict for the Monitoring Officer for the CFA/LCC. Lauren is content with this arrangement.
5. The decision to appoint was taken in line with Meeting Procedure Rule 35, which authorises any action between meetings considered to be urgent to be taken in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair (or their nominated representatives) subject to the details of such action being reported to the next CFA meeting.

Resource Implications

6. None.

Background Papers

7. Report to the CFA on 9 December 2015 – Revised Governance Structure for the CFA.