

## **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Audit, Governance and Standards Committee  
23 July 2019

**From:** Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

**Subject:** **POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS**

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### **1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 As part of its functions the Committee is responsible for approving the list of politically restricted posts. This report asks the Committee to review the list because of re-organisation and changes in job titles within the Council.
- 1.2 Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 certain posts within the Council are politically restricted. This means that persons within those posts are prevented from becoming or remaining Members of a Local Authority or indeed standing for election to parliament. Every Local Authority has to maintain a list of politically restricted posts. Certain categories of Officer are required to be on the list.
- 1.3 Those required to be the list on the list are:-
  - (a) Head of the Authority's Paid Service;
  - (b) any Statutory Chief Officer;
  - (c) any Non-Statutory Chief Officer;
  - (d) a Deputy Chief Officer (Head of Service);
  - (e) a Monitoring Officer;
  - (f) any Political Assistants;
  - (g) those posts where in the Council's opinion the Officer gives advice on a regular basis to the Council, the Cabinet or any Committee or Member of the Cabinet.
- 1.4 The Council is required to deposit the list with the Proper Officer and to deposit any subsequent lists with the Proper Officer. The Proper Officer is the person designated from time to time by the Council for that purpose (currently the Chief Executive).
- 1.5 It is also deemed to be a condition of the employment of all those in politically restricted posts that their political activities are restricted in accordance with the Act.
- 1.6 Attached as an Annex is the proposed revised list. This takes on board recent changes in staffing. In respect of the category of "Other Officers", the Committee needs to be satisfied that they give advice on a regular basis to the Council, Cabinet, Committees or Members of the Cabinet or they speak on behalf of the Council on a regular basis to journalists or broadcasters.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the list at the Annex be approved.

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**Background papers:** None  
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989**

**POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS – REVISED JULY 2019**

**Chief Officers:**

Chief Executive  
Deputy Chief Executive

**Other Officers**

Director of Economy and Planning  
Director of Environment  
Director of Finance and Commercial (S151 Officer)  
Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)  
Director of Leisure and Communities  
Head of Service – Commercial and Programme Management  
Head of Service – Economy and Planning  
Corporate Finance Manager  
Corporate Facilities Manager  
Senior Communications and Media Officer  
Development Managers  
Business and Economy Managers  
Environmental Health Manager  
Legal Manager  
Taxation and Benefit Manager  
Housing and Planning Policy Manager  
Waste and Street Scene – Operations Manager  
Waste and Street Scene – Technical Support Manager  
Customer Services & Communications Manager  
ICT Manager  
Business and Economy Officers  
Democratic Services Officer  
Democratic Services Assistant