

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
17 April 2012

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF S.151 OFFICER

**All Wards
Scrutiny Committees
Cabinet Member for Corporate Management: Councillor R Kirk**

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appoint a S.151 Officer.
- 1.2 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires every Council to appoint an officer to be responsible for the financial administration of its affairs. The person appointed must be a qualified accountant and a member of one of the recognised accountancy bodies.
- 1.3 The present postholder will be retiring on 17 April 2012 and the Council needs to appoint a replacement. It is proposed to appoint Mr Phillip Morton, the Council's Acting Chief Executive, to this position. The appointment will be on a temporary basis whilst the Council completes its review of management arrangements.
- 1.4 In accordance with previous arrangements made with Richmondshire District Council, it is also proposed that the S.151 appointment will be shared, again for the interim period. A similar report on the S.151 Officer will be presented to Richmondshire District Council.

2.0 DECISIONS SOUGHT:

- 2.1 Approval is to the appointment of the Council's S.151 Officer.

3.0 RISK MANAGEMENT:

- 3.1 There are no major risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The appointment of a S.151 Officer is a legal requirement.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 5.1 It is recommended that Mr Phillip Morton be appointed as the Council's S.151 Officer upon the retirement of the current postholder.

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Background papers: None
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