

Subject	Appointment of Monitoring Officer	Status	For Publication
Report to	Authority	Date	10 th February 2022
Report of	Clerk		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	No
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Authority to appoint Jason Field as Monitoring Officer to the Authority following the departure of the current Monitoring Officer, Gary Kirk, at the end of January 2022.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 Members are recommended to:

- a. **Approve the appointment of Jason Field (Head of Legal Services, Barnsley MBC) as the Authority's Monitoring Officer with effect from 1st February 2022.**

3. Link to Corporate Objectives

3.1 Effective and Transparent Governance

The Monitoring Officer has an important role to promote and enhance good corporate governance in terms of the quality of decision making as well as ensuring legality, probity and propriety.

4. Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 None.

5. Background and Options

- 5.1 The Authority has a statutory duty to appoint a Monitoring Officer under s5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 5.2 The functions of the Monitoring Officer are:

- To maintain the Constitution.
- Ensure lawfulness and fairness of decision making.
- Provide advice on the scope of the powers of the Authority, its Committees and officers to take decisions and in matters involving maladministration and probity.

5.3 Garry Kirk, Service Director, Legal Services, the Authority's Monitoring Officer, left the service of Barnsley MBC at the end of January 2022. The Council has appointed Jason Field, Head of Legal Services as its Monitoring Officer, and is recommending that he assume the same responsibilities in relation to the Pensions Authority.

The Authority is therefore recommended to formally appoint Jason Field as Monitoring Officer to the Authority.

5.4 The Authority has previously agreed to take steps to appoint to the role of Corporate Manager – Governance with the intention that this role will ultimately take on the responsibilities of the Monitoring Officer, no later than April 2023. The process of appointing to this role is in hand and following a successful candidate taking up the role discussions will take place with the Council regarding a transition to the arrangements agreed by the Authority.

6. **Implications**

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	It is a statutory requirement to appoint a Monitoring Officer
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
S5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/contents