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Dear Cllr Barker

APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD CARR AS HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

As you know, the Secretary of State appointed Richard Carr as Managing Director Commissioner to fulfil the role of a Chief Executive for the Council and be responsible for day-to-day operations following the resignation of Julie Fisher.

As we have discussed, following the Ministerial announcement on 25 May last year and the Secretary of State's Directions pursuant to his powers under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 issued on the same day, Commissioners have powers to exercise the functions of the Council relating to the appointment and designation of persons as statutory officers. Following the Secretary of State's appointment, the Council is still required to appoint Mr Carr as Head of Paid Service, in accordance with Section 4(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3384) (Schedule 1 Pt 2 para 4(1)) set out the process for such appointments, and require such an appointment to be approved by the authority. In this case, following the Secretary of State's appointment of Mr Carr as Managing Director Commissioner, Commissioners have exercised their power to do so on behalf of the Authority, as provided by the Directions.

Commissioners are taking this step in order to give effect to the Secretary of State's decision in appointing Mr Carr, as straightforwardly as possible.

Mr Carr's title will be Chief Executive & Managing Director Commissioner. His first day as Chief executive and Managing Director Commissioner will be 2 April 2024

The Monitoring Officer will share a copy of this letter with all councillors.

Yours sincerely

Tony Redmond
Commissioners

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