

## Rother District Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	6 February 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Designation of Interim Chief Finance Officer
<b>Report of:</b>	Malcolm Johnston, Chief Executive
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Oliver
<b>Ward(s):</b>	-
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To confirm the named appointment to the role of Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer).
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Non-Key
<b>Officer Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>Recommendation to COUNCIL:</b> That Duncan Ellis be designated as the Council's Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) with effect from 20 February 2023.
<b>Reasons for Recommendations:</b>	To enable Rother District Council to confirm the designation of the Interim Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 officer).

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### Introduction

1. The post of Chief Finance Officer (CFO) (Section 151 Officer) is one of the three statutory posts which authorities are required to have (the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer being the other two).
2. Following the imminent departure of the current CFO (Section 151 Officer) Antony Baden, the Council has appointed an interim replacement, pending a substantive appointment in due course.

### Background

3. Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires local authorities to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and appoint a CFO to have responsibility for those arrangements. Following the implementation of a revised senior officer structure in 2021, the role of CFO was undertaken by the Council's Finance Manager.
4. The current Finance Manager Antony Baden leaves the employment of Rother District Council on 19 February 2023 and it is therefore necessary to appoint an Interim CFO. Duncan Ellis has been appointed as the Interim CFO and whilst he has already been working alongside the current CFO, he will formally take on this role with effect from 20 February 2023 until such times as a substantive appointment is made.

### Financial Implications

5. There are no financial implications for the proposals within this report.

## Legal Implications

6. Unlike the Chief Executive, there is no statutory requirement for full Council to approve appointment to this statutory post, but this is common practice in respect of the CFO post across many authorities. It also provides openness and transparency as to who is fulfilling this statutory post.

## Human Resources Implications

7. There are no Human Resource implications for the proposals within this report.

<b>Other Implications</b>	<b>Applies?</b>	<b>Other Implications</b>	<b>Applies?</b>
Human Rights	No	Equalities and Diversity	No
Crime and Disorder	No	External Consultation	No
Environmental	No	Access to Information	No
Risk Management	No	Exempt from publication	No
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Appendices:	None		
Relevant Previous Minutes:	None		
Background Papers:	None		
Reference Documents:	None		