

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	24 May 2023
Report of the	-	Chief Executive
Subject	-	Appointment of Interim Chief Executive

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That Lorna Ford, Deputy Chief Executive be appointed on an interim basis to the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service until a substantive appointment is made and be also appointed as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for the same interim period.

Introduction

1. As Members will be aware, I am retiring from the Council at the end of May 2023, following the local elections and the establishment of the new Council.
2. A recruitment process is in place and about to commence but in the interim period the Council must have a Head of Paid Service, along with a nominated Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. These roles currently are designated to me and my recommendation is that the current Deputy Chief Executive, Lorna Ford, is appointed into these roles on an interim basis until such time as the incoming Chief Executive takes up the role.
3. Lorna Ford is currently the Council's Monitoring Officer and legal advice has stated that she can remain in this role whilst designated as the Interim Chief Executive.

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive