

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	18 September 2023
Report of the	-	Chief Executive
Subject	-	Delegation of the Interim Monitoring Officer

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That Linda Walker be designated as the Council's Interim Monitoring Officer with effect from 19 September 2023.

Introduction

1. The post of Monitoring Officer (MO) is one of the three statutory posts which authorities are required to have under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (the Head of Paid Service and the Chief Finance Officer [Section 151 Officer] being the other two).
2. Following the appointment of Lorna Ford, the previous MO, to the role of Chief Executive in July 2023, there is a need to appoint a new MO as it is not possible for her to hold both roles simultaneously. Council therefore designated Joe Powell, Head of Housing and Regeneration on a temporary basis as MO pending the appointment of an external Interim MO. They also delegated the appointment of the external Interim MO to the Chief Executive.
3. Linda Walker was appointed as the Interim MO under the delegated authority.
4. In accordance with the Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council needs to formally designate Linda Walker as MO. Therefore, it is recommended that Linda Walker be designated as the Interim MO with effect from 19 September 2023 until such time as a substantive appointment is made.

Lorna Ford
Chief Executive