

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting
of Council held on 22 March 2017**

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5	<p>Appointment of Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service</p> <p>Report of Interim Head of Paid Service</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council is recommended, subject to South Northamptonshire Council resolving in similar terms at its meeting on 23 March 2017:</p> <p>1.1 To agree the recommendation of the Joint Commissioning Committee that Yvonne Rees be appointed Joint Chief Executive from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>1.2 To agree the recommendation of the Joint Commissioning Committee that Yvonne Rees be appointed the Council's Head of Paid Service for the purposes of Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 with effect from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to South Northamptonshire Council resolving in similar terms at its meeting on 23 March 2017:</p> <p>(1) The recommendation of the Joint Commissioning Committee that Yvonne Rees be appointed Joint Chief Executive from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee be agreed.</p> <p>(2) The recommendation of the Joint Commissioning Committee that Yvonne Rees be appointed the Council's Head of Paid Service for the purposes of Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 with effect from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman</p>

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	<p>post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>1.3 To agree that, in accordance with Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and all related legislation, Yvonne Rees be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer for Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>1.4 To agree that, in accordance with Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and all related legislation Yvonne Rees be appointed as Returning Officer for Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils with authority to act in that capacity for elections to the Council and all parish and town councils within the area of both councils; from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>1.5 To agree that Yvonne Rees be</p>	<p>of the Joint Commissioning Committee be agreed.</p> <p>(3) It be agreed that, in accordance with Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and all related legislation, Yvonne Rees be appointed as Electoral Registration Officer for Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>(4) It be agreed that, in accordance with Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and all related legislation Yvonne Rees be appointed as Returning Officer for Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils with authority to act in that capacity for elections to the Council and all parish and town councils within the area of both councils; from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>(5) It be agreed that Yvonne Rees be also appointed or authorised to act in respect of all related electoral, polling or referendum duties, including in relation to County Council elections,</p>

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	<p>also appointed or authorised to act in respect of all related electoral, polling or referendum duties, including in relation to County Council elections, elections to the European Parliament, and for national and regional polls or referendums and be authorised to exercise all delegated powers of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer as set out in the constitution; from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>1.6 To agree that, in relation to the duties of Returning Officer or any other electoral, referendum or polling duties arising from such appointment, the Returning Officer shall be entitled to be remunerated in accordance with the scale of fees approved from time to time by Council for local elections, or the relevant scale of fees prescribed by a Fees Order in respect of national, regional or European Parliament elections, polls or referendums.</p> <p>1.7 To agree that in all cases where it is a legal requirement or normal practice to do so, the Returning Officer may elect for such fees to be superannuable, and the Council shall pay the appropriate employer's contribution to the superannuation fund, recovering such employer's</p>	<p>elections to the European Parliament, and for national and regional polls or referendums and be authorised to exercise all delegated powers of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer as set out in the constitution; from a date to be agreed in June/July 2017 with the new post holder by the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Head of Law and Governance, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Commissioning Committee.</p> <p>(6) It be agreed that, in relation to the duties of Returning Officer or any other electoral, referendum or polling duties arising from such appointment, the Returning Officer shall be entitled to be remunerated in accordance with the scale of fees approved from time to time by Council for local elections, or the relevant scale of fees prescribed by a Fees Order in respect of national, regional or European Parliament elections, polls or referendums.</p> <p>(7) It be agreed that in all cases where it is a legal requirement or normal practice to do so, the Returning Officer may elect for such fees to be superannuable, and the Council shall pay the appropriate employer's contribution to the superannuation fund, recovering such employer's contributions from central government or other local authorities or agencies where this can be done.</p>

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	<p>contributions from central government or other local authorities or agencies where this can be done.</p> <p>1.8 To agree that, in relation to the conduct of local authority elections and polls, and elections to the United Kingdom Parliament, and all other electoral duties where the Councils are entitled by law to do so, they shall take out and maintain in force insurance indemnifying the Councils, the Electoral Registration Officer and the Returning Officer against legal expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the defence of any proceedings brought against the Councils, Electoral Registration Officer or the Returning Officer and/or the cost of holding another election in the event of the original election being declared invalid (provided that such proceedings or invalidation are the result of the inadvertent contravention of the Representation of the People Acts or other legislation governing the electoral process, and provided that, in the case of the Electoral Registration Officer and the Returning Officer, such proceedings or invalidation arise from an act or omission which the Officer reasonably believes is within the Officer's powers).</p> <p>1.9 To agree that, in the event of such insurance carrying an 'excess' clause by which an initial portion of risk is not insured, the Councils, through their internal insurance fund or</p>	<p>(8) It be agreed that, in relation to the conduct of local authority elections and polls, and elections to the United Kingdom Parliament, and all other electoral duties where the Councils are entitled by law to do so, they shall take out and maintain in force insurance indemnifying the Councils, the Electoral Registration Officer and the Returning Officer against legal expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the defence of any proceedings brought against the Councils, Electoral Registration Officer or the Returning Officer and/or the cost of holding another election in the event of the original election being declared invalid (provided that such proceedings or invalidation are the result of the inadvertent contravention of the Representation of the People Acts or other legislation governing the electoral process, and provided that, in the case of the Electoral Registration Officer and the Returning Officer, such proceedings or invalidation arise from an act or omission which the Officer reasonably believes is within the Officer's powers).</p> <p>(9) It be agreed that, in the event of such insurance carrying an 'excess' clause by which an initial portion of risk is not insured, the Councils, through their internal insurance fund or otherwise, will indemnify the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer up to the value of such excess.</p>

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	<p>otherwise, will indemnify the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer up to the value of such excess.</p> <p>1.10 To agree that the Councils note their duty to provide support to the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer</p> <p>1.11 To agree that the terms of appointment of Ian Davies as Interim Joint Head of Paid Service and Paul Sutton as Interim Returning Officer and Interim Electoral Registration Officer end on the date on which the new permanent Joint Chief Executive takes up her post.</p>	<p>(10) The Councils duty to provide support to the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer be noted.</p> <p>(11) It be agreed that the terms of appointment of Ian Davies as Interim Joint Head of Paid Service and Paul Sutton as Interim Returning Officer and Interim Electoral Registration Officer end on the date on which the new permanent Joint Chief Executive takes up her post.</p>
7	<p>Franklins House Ground Floor Business Incubator</p> <p>Exempt report of Commercial Director</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the additional supplementary capital cost of £145k be approved and commitment to running a business incubator in Unit 2, Franklins House, Bicester be agreed.</p>
8	<p>Urgent Business: Land in Banbury - Land Acquisition</p> <p>Exempt report of Commercial Director</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the acquisition of the premises shown on the plan (exempt annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) subject to contract and the inclusion of the costs (as set out in the exempt annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) in the Capital Programme be approved and also subject to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management confirming that the acquisition is financially prudent following</p>

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		<p>receipt of the independent Red Book valuation report.</p> <p>(2) That the Commercial Director be given delegated authority to negotiate and finalise the terms for the acquisition in consultation with the Lead Member, the Chief Finance Officer and the Head of Law and Governance.</p>