

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 22 January 2014
Report for: For approval
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

Designation of Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Summary

To designate the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

Recommendation(s)

That the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources be designated as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

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Background Papers:

None

1.0 Background

1.1 The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 directs that a local authority in England must designate one of their officers to discharge the following functions

- (a) to promote the role of the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees;
- (b) to provide support to the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees and the members of that Committee or those Committees;
- (c) to provide support and guidance to:
 - (i) members of the authority.
 - (ii) members of the executive of the authority, and
 - (iii) officers of the authority, in relation to functions of the authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Committees.

1.2 The Act stipulates that a local authority may not designate any of the following under this section of the Act:

- (a) the head of the authority's paid service designated under Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989;
- (b) the authority's monitoring officer designated under Section 5 of that Act;
- (c) the authority's chief finance officer, within the meaning of that section.

1.3 The Corporate Director for Environment, Transport and Operations has been fulfilling this role for the Council. Given the Corporate Director secondment to Transport to Greater Manchester from the 20th January 2014, it is recommended that the Corporate Director for Transformation and Resources be designated to the role.