

REPORT OF THE  
Chief Executive  
PART I

**228. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY OFFICER**

1. The County Council is required to designate one of its officers to carry out the statutory duties of the Scrutiny Officer pursuant to Section 21ZA of the Local Government Act 2000 ('the 2000 Act'). This requirement will be continued by the provisions of Section 9FB of Schedule 2 of the Localism Act 2011, which inserts a new Part 1A into the 2000 Act.

2. The statutory duties of the Scrutiny Officer are:

- To promote the role of the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- To provide support to the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the members of those Committees;
- To provide support and guidance to:-
  - Members of the County Council;
  - Members of the Executive of the County Council; and
  - Officers of the County Council

in relation to the functions of the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

3. The County Council may not designate any of the following officers as the Scrutiny Officer:

- The Head of Paid Service;
- The Monitoring Officer;
- The County Treasurer.

4. The designated Scrutiny Officer has left the County Council and it is therefore necessary to appoint a replacement to ensure continued compliance with statutory requirements.

5. As an interim arrangement subject to any organisational changes arising from the outcome of the Corporate Services Review, it is proposed that the Assistant Chief Executive be designated by the County Council as the County Council's Acting Scrutiny Officer.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) That the Assistant Chief Executive be appointed as the County Council's Scrutiny Officer as detailed in paragraph 5 above.
- b) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendment to the County Council's Constitution upon this appointment.