

## **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2013 makes clear that each local authority must, acting jointly with the Secretary of State for Health, appoint an individual to have responsibility for its public health functions under the Act, known as the director of public health.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 12 September 2019, the Appointments Committee gave approval to a proposal to designate the statutory duties of a Director of Public Health to an existing member of staff with the appropriate qualification, on a part time interim basis until permanent arrangements for the role had been concluded and finalised.
- 1.3 At that stage, Jennifer Connolly was appointed as the statutory Director of Public Health on a temporary basis effective from November 2019.
- 1.4 This report requests that the Council Meeting give approval to the permanent appointment to the position of the Council's Director of Public Health.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A robust appointment process has subsequently taken place which followed statutory guidance and involved Public Health England, the Faculty for Public Health, the Cabinet member for Adult Care & Health and other partners.
- 2.2 By way of email dated 20 July 2020 from the Chief Executive to members of the Appointments Committee, the Chief Executive updated the Appointments Committee that Jennifer Connolly would be proposed to be appointed as the Council's Director of Public Health..
- 2.3 Each of the Appointments Committee responded by email between 20 and 22 July 2020 confirming their agreement to the proposed appointment.

#### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Council Meeting is asked to give approval to the appointment of Jennifer Connolly to the position of the Council's Director of Public Health.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none.

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