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Title	Designation of Interim Section 151 Officer		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report requests Full Council to agree to designate Martin Hone as the Council's Interim Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer).

## 2. Recommended Decision

- 1.1 That the Council designates Martin Hone as Interim Section 151 Officer, as required by legislation, with effect from 1 March 2019, pending the recruitment of a permanent officer in that role

## 2. Reasons for Decision

- 2.1 The Council is obliged by the Local Government Act 1972 to designate an officer as the Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer). This is a statutory requirement and comprises one of the three statutory officer posts which every local authority is required to appoint (the others being the Head of Paid Service and Monitoring Officer).

## 3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The designation of this post is a non-executive function and as such it is the Council's responsibility to designate an officer.
- 3.2 The section 151 Officer (chief finance officer) is the officer responsible for ensuring the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs
- 3.3 The current Section 151 Officer, Sean Plummer (Strategic Finance Manager) will be leaving the Council's employment on 1 March 2019 and pending his permanent replacement, Martin Hone will be acting as the Interim Section 151 Officer.
- 3.4 Following the recruitment of a permanent Strategic Finance Manager a further report will be submitted to full council to designate a new permanent section 151 officer.

## 4. Standard References

- 4.1 There are no standard references.