



COUNCIL MEETING

27 April 2017

INTERIM SENIOR MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – CARE, WELLBEING AND LEARNING

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the interim arrangements to cover the role of Strategic Director, Care, Wellbeing and Learning (including the statutory roles of director of children's services and director of adult social services) pending a permanent appointment to this role.
2. Under the provisions of the Children Act 2004 and Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, local authorities must appoint a Director of Children's Services (DCS) and a Director of Adult Social Services (DASS), respectively. In Gateshead Council both of these roles are carried out by the Strategic Director, Care Wellbeing and Learning.
3. Since the retirement of the Strategic Director, Care, Wellbeing and Learning in January 2016, the Strategic Director role has been undertaken on an interim basis by two different post holders.
4. Following the departure of the most recent interim post holder the Council is currently engaged in a competitive recruitment exercise to appoint a permanent successor to the role of Strategic Director, Care, Wellbeing and Learning.
5. It has been proposed by the Chief Executive that she will fulfil the duties of the Strategic Director pending a permanent appointment being made. It is hoped this will provide stability and continuity within the service.
6. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that Council approve that the Chief Executive be appointed on a short-term basis to the post of Strategic Director, Care, Wellbeing and Learning, pending a permanent appointment being made.