

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 21 September 2017

Appointment of Chief Social Work Officer

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Executive Summary

The report asks the Council to note the decision by the Chief Executive under urgency provisions to appoint Alistair Gaw as Chief Social Work Officer.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the appointment of Alistair Gaw as Chief Social Work Officer under urgency provisions.

2. Background

- 2.1 Provision is made within the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions (paragraph 4.1) for the Chief Executive or appropriate Director, in consultation with the Convener or Vice-Convener, to take decisions normally made by committee under urgency provision. The decision has then to be reported to the next meeting.

3. Main report

- 3.1 Following the departure of the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, Michelle Miller who was the Chief Social Work Officer was appointed interim Chief Officer. Scottish Government guidance states that these posts should not be fulfilled by the same individual. As a result, the Chief Executive, under urgency provisions and in consultation with the Lord Provost, appointed Alistair Gaw, the Executive Director of Communities and Families to also fulfil the role of Chief Social Work Officer. Alistair Gaw meets the statutory requirements for the Chief Social Work Officer in terms of professional social work qualification and registration, and the requirements of the Scottish Government in terms of experience and seniority.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The Council meets its statutory requirements and complies with best practice.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The City of Edinburgh Council must have a suitably qualified Chief Social Work Officer which is a statutory role.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no equality impacts as a result of this report.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There is no sustainability impact as a result of this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation took place with the Lord Provost on this decision.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 None

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11. Appendices
