

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.8 (b)**

### **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **COUNCIL**

**12 September 2018**

#### **Report of the Strategic Director, Commissioning Communities and Policy and Head of Paid Service**

#### **STRATEGIC DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH – NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

For Council to ratify the appointment of the post of Strategic Director, Adult Social Care and Health.

##### **2. Information and Analysis**

At its meeting on 6 June 2018, Council authorised the Appointments Committee, as permitted within the Councils Constitution, to make the appointment to the post of Strategic Director Adult Social Care and Health and the statutory role of Director of Adult Social Services. Council considered it was not in either the Council's or the successful applicant's interest to delay approval for appointment to this post until September 2018, given that the previous potholder, Joy Hollister, left the role due to retirement in July. The confirmation of the appointment, subject to a successful appointment being made, was to be presented to Council at its following meeting scheduled for 12 September 2018.

Following a competitive recruitment process, of a strong field of applicants, Helen Jones has been selected for appointment and commenced in the role on 27 August 2018. Helen Jones has wide experience of working at a senior, strategic level in local government and in the public sector and was considered to be eminently suitable for appointment.

##### **3. Legal Considerations**

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 and the Council's Constitution set out the procedure for the appointment of chief officers and officers reporting directly to chief officers. The recruitment process has observed these requirements.

#### **4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

#### **5. Background Papers**

Files held by the Director of Organisation Development and Policy.

#### **7. Officers' Recommendation**

That Council ratifies the appointment of Helen Jones to the post of Strategic Director, Adult Social Care and Health with effect from 27 August 2018.

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