

**Meeting date:** 5 July 2022

**Report to:** Council



**Subject/report title:** **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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**Wards affected:**

All Wards |  Bickenhill |  Blythe |  Castle Bromwich |  Chelmsley Wood |  
 Dorridge/Hockley Heath |  Elmdon |  Kingshurst/Fordbridge |  Knowle |  
 Lyndon |  Meriden |  Olton |  Shirley East |  Shirley South |  
 Shirley West |  Silhill |  Smith's Wood |  St Alphege

**Public/private report:** Public

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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To seek Council approval to designate an officer as the statutory Director of Children's Services.

**2. Decision(s) recommended**

2.1 That the recommendation of the Appointment Panel regarding an appointment to the position of Director of Children's Services in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Children Act 2004, be formally approved by Council.

**3. Matters for Consideration**

3.1 Section 18 (1) of the Children Act 2004 places a duty on all Children's Services Authorities in England to appoint a Director for Children's Services (DCS). The appointment of the Director of Children's Services is not a function of the executive and therefore the decision must be made by full Council.

3.2 The Council currently has an interim Director of Children's Services in post and an Appointment Panel has been established by the Governance Committee to progress the recruitment of a permanent Director.

3.3 The Appointment Panel is comprised of Councillors M Allen, I Courts, M Gough, K Grinsell, L McCarthy, M McLoughlin and R Sleigh OBE.

3.4 The Appointment Panel will be interviewing candidates on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the Panel's recommendation will be circulated at the Council meeting.

**4. Background papers used to compile this report**

4.1 None