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Report Originator	Councillor Ian Jelley	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i> N/A	
Wards Affected	ALL	16 th January 2020	
Title	Statutory Officer Appointments Working Group – Interim Report		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Members to receive the notes from meetings of the Statutory Officer Appointments Working Group.

2. BACKGROUND

The North Northamptonshire Joint Committee agreed at its meeting on 24th June 2019 to establish a working group to consider the following:-

- *To agree and undertake the recruitment process for the selection of the posts of Interim Head of Paid Service, Interim Chief Finance Officer (section 151) and Interim Monitoring Officer for the Shadow Authority and recommend to the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting nominations for the three statutory officers;*
- *To consider and recommend to the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting a nomination for the post of Returning Officer; and*
- *To consider and initiate appropriate mechanisms for the recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), including provisional terms and conditions, including salary, and method of selection, so the earliest possible appointment can be made by the Shadow Authority.*

Councillor Ian Jelley (KBC) was appointed Chair of the Working Group. The other members of the Group include – Cllr Tim Allebone (BCW), Cllr Mark Pengelly (CBC), Cllr Helen Howell (ENC) & Cllr Sandra Naden-Horley (NCC). The Group is supported by officers from CBC & KBC.

The Group has met on 15th August 2019, 4th September 2019, 25th September 2019 and 21st October 2019.

3. REPORT

Copies of the notes taken during meetings of the Group yet to be received by the Joint Committee are attached for information.

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Since the Group's last meeting, further proposals have been developed by the Project Management Office building upon the work undertaken by the Group, and the previously approved recommendations of the West Northamptonshire Joint Committee.

4. Financial Implications

There are currently no direct additional costs related to the work of the Working Group. Officer support will continue to be drawn from partner authorities.

5. Legal Implications

The Working Group was tasked with drafting recommending processes and procedures relating to the designation of interim Statutory Officers for the Shadow Authority and the permanent appointment of a Head of Paid Service for the new unitary authority.

6. Conclusion

The notes of the working group are attached as appendices. Joint Committee Member's attention is directed to two subsequent agenda items relating to the interim appointments process and the permanent appointment process.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- i) To receive the notes of the Statutory Officer Appointments Working Group.

Appendices:

Notes of the Group meetings held on 4th September 2019, 25th September 2019 and 21st October 2019.