

Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Decision

Urgent Decision taken by an officer of the Council

Option C – Decision by the Chief Executive, Section 10, Part 4.4(a) – The Procedure for Taking Urgent Decisions, Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, The Constitution

Title of decision	Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service
Date decision taken	16 December 2021 (this decision would have been taken by Council on 14 December 2021 (see agenda on Council's website County Council meeting 14/12/2021) but the meeting was called off by the Council's Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Vice-Chair of Council, following advice from the Director of Public Health in the light of the rapidly increasing Omicron numbers).
Decision maker	Chief Executive (ordinarily it would be full Council)
Details of decision taken	To ratify the appointment of Amanda Askham as the Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service as recommended by the Staffing and Appeals Committee, which interviewed candidates on Tuesday 7th December 2021.
Reasons for taking decision	<p>Under Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended), the Council has a legal duty to appoint one of its officers as Head of Paid Service. Under the Council's Constitution this role is performed by the Chief Executive. The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 and the Council's Constitution provide that Full Council must approve the appointment of the Council's Head of Paid Service.</p> <p>The current Chief Executive retires on 31st December 2021, and therefore there is a seven-week period where an Acting Head of Paid Service is required before the new Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Stephen Moir, starts on 22 February 2022.</p>
Options considered	None. The Council is legally required to have a Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.
Details of any conflict of interests declared	None
Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)

Signature redacted

Chief Executive