

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Executive Manager Governance

To: Leader of the Council
(The Lord Porter of Spalding)

(Author: Mark Stinson – Executive Manager Governance)

Subject: Director Appointment – Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd

Purpose: To consider a proposed change to an officer director appointment

Recommendations:

That the current officer director appointed to Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd (Rob Leigh, Executive Manager – Information) be replaced by Anna Graves – Chief Executive, from a date to be determined by the Chief Executive and that notice in writing be given to the Company

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd (“CPBS”) is a private company limited by shares and is jointly owned by South Holland District Council and East Lindsey District Council. There are six directors – three appointed by each of the councils. Article 11 of the Constitution deals with appointments – which may be a Chief Officer or Deputy Chief Officer.
- 1.2 As a result of Rob Leigh leaving the Council, there is a need to change the current officer director appointment to CPBS. It is proposed that Anna Graves, Chief Executive, be appointed to the Board of Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd (the appointment to be by name rather than office) in place of Rob Leigh, Executive Manager – Information.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 Do nothing – this is not recommended as we would wish our appointee to be a serving officer of the Council.
- 2.2 Appoint a different officer director.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that there is a smooth transition and to ensure that our current officer director is a serving officer of the Council.

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

- 4.1 Good governance of the Council’s company.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Constitution & Legal**

5.1.1 Qualification for directorship is set out in law and in the articles of the relevant companies. The proposed appointee meets the requirements of Article 11 of the Council's Constitution.

5.1.2 In law, appointments to outside bodies (including the Council's companies) can be made either by the Council or by the Leader/Cabinet. Under the Council's revised constitution, it is clear that appointments to a company exercising executive functions is a Leader/Cabinet decision and appointments to a company exercising non-executive functions is a Council decision. As CPBS is exercising executive functions, this appointment is an executive function.

5.2 **Contracts**

5.2.1 These are non-executive directorships, so no contractual implications arise.

5.3 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.3.1 CPBS has already been briefed.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 None

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 CPBS – Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd

Background papers:- None

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to a Discretionary Service

Appendices attached to this report: None