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Meeting of: Council
Date: Wednesday, 14th October, 2020
Time: 6.00 pm.
Venue: Zoom / YouTube

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	To consider the attached report seeking approval for the appointment of a Monitoring Officer.	

Council Members

Councillor Ali Ahmed
Councillor Shakil Ahmed
Councillor Sultan Ali
Councillor Tom Besford
Councillor John Blundell
Councillor Allen Brett
Councillor Wendy Cocks
Councillor Irene Davidson
Councillor Ray Dutton
Councillor Susan Emmott
Councillor Richard Farnell
Councillor John Hartley
Councillor Michael Holly
Councillor Jane Howard
Councillor Peter Joinson
Councillor Peter Malcolm
Councillor Rachel Massey
Councillor Daniel Meredith
Councillor Kathleen Nickson
Councillor Shaun O'Neill
Councillor Rina Paolucci

Councillor Iftikhar Ahmed
Councillor Daalat Ali
Councillor David Bamford
Councillor Jacqui Beswick
Councillor Malcolm Boriss
Councillor Phil Burke
Councillor Patricia Mary Dale
Councillor Ashley Dearnley
Councillor Neil Emmott
Councillor Janet Emsley
Councillor James Gartside
Councillor Kieran Heakin
Councillor Jean Hornby
Councillor Aftab Hussain
Councillor Andy Kelly
Councillor Donna Martin E
Councillor Alan McCarthy
Councillor Amna Mir
Councillor Kallum Nolan
Councillor Liam O'Rourke
Councillor Faisal Rana

Councillor Aasim Rashid
Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Councillor Billy Sheerin
Councillor Susan Smith
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Shah Wazir
Councillor Donna Williams
Councillor Peter Winkler
Councillor Sameena Zaheer

Councillor Linda Robinson
Councillor Peter Rush
Councillor Angela Smith
Councillor Patricia Sullivan
Councillor Carol Wardle
Councillor June West
Councillor Peter Williams
Councillor Elsie Wraighte
Councillor Mohammed Zaman

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Agenda Item 6

Motion 1 - Birthing Centre

Accepted reworded motion from the published agenda pack

To be moved by Councillor Rana, seconded by Councillor Zaheer that:

“This Council warmly congratulates the Pennine Acute Trust for listening to local residents and agreeing to set up a birthing centre at the Rochdale Infirmary.

The Council further congratulates the Friends of Rochdale Maternity Care for leading the campaign to return maternity services to the borough.

The midwife-led birthing centre is expected to open soon and will be important facility for expectant mothers who do not have the space or privacy for a home birth.

The Council supports continued investment in NHS maternity services to provide the most expert and safest care for mothers and babies during childbirth. However it also recognises the need to provide local facilities for uncomplicated births for those mothers who would like to give birth at home but are unable to do so.”

Motion 2 - Recover, Retrain, Rebuild

Conservative Group Amendment to “Recover, Retrain, Rebuild” Motion

To be moved by Councillor Dearnley, seconded by Councillor Sullivan that:

“The Council notes the scheme announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 24/09/2020 whereby the Job Retention Scheme in place since March 2020 and October 2020, where the Government covered 80% of wages if workers could not work due to Covid-19 will cease, and a new scheme where 22% of wages will be covered as long as at least one third of normal hours are worked.

The Council believes that while the Job Retention Scheme was a historic investment of taxpayers' money to avert widespread job losses, this massive, unprecedented investment will, essentially, go to waste as millions of people, including thousands in the Borough of Rochdale, who have suffered throughout the Covid-19 crisis, now face the very real prospect of unemployment as their jobs are not viable to return to at this moment in time under Covid-19.

This Council believes we need a strategy that focuses on recovering jobs, retraining workers and rebuilding our country. This strategy must involve:

- 1) A job Recovery Scheme that allows staff to work reduced hours, with the Government subsidising a proportion of wages for the rest of the week. The scheme should be designed to reward companies who bring back more workers part-time, rather than bringing some back full-time and letting others go.
- 2) A nationwide Retraining Strategy for the unemployed and those facing unemployment. This strategy must help those whose hours have been cut to increase their skills to retrain, and enable people who have lost jobs to transition into new work.

- 3) A business Rebuilding Scheme which must give businesses, who have taken advantage of Government loan schemes, the payments for which start in March, the confidence and security that they will be able to continue operating past March 2021, or else a whole new set of businesses and workers may well be pushed back underneath then. ***The Council supports the Prime Minister, Chancellor and local civic leaders working together and constantly revisiting and improving their schemes, in partnership with business and trade unions to ensure that our Borough and country recovers, retrains and rebuilds.***

Agenda Item 11

Report to Council



Date of Meeting	14 October 2020
Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Resources
Report Author	Director of Resources
Public/Private Document	Public

Appointment of Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary

1. The current Monitoring Officer will be retiring from the Council at the end of December 2020. The Council is required to appoint a Council officer to discharge the statutory function. A recruitment process to identify a successor has taken place during September and October and a preferred candidate has been identified.

Recommendation

2. That Asif Ibrahim be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 with effect from 1 January 2021.

Reason for Recommendation

3. The Council must act in a timely manner and take appropriate steps to designate a Monitoring Officer in compliance with Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

Key Points for Consideration

4. David Wilcock, the current Monitoring Officer, will be retiring from the Council at the end of December 2020, after some 6 years.
5. Under Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 as amended by paragraph 24 of Schedule 5 Local Government Act 2000 ('the Act'), there is a duty on the Council to designate one of its officers as the Monitoring Officer to discharge the functions set out in the Act.
6. A recruitment process has been undertaken during September and October, involving Leadership Team, elected members and stakeholders. Following

completion of that process Asif Ibrahim has been identified as the preferred candidate for appointment to the post of the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance & Workforce) which incorporates the role of Monitoring Officer.

Costs and Budget Summary

7. Salary costs will be funded from within the existing approved staffing budget.

Risk and Policy Implications

8. The appointment of a Monitoring Officer is a statutory requirement.

Consultation

9. Members of Cabinet, the Shadow Portfolio Holder and stakeholders.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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| 10. The background papers contain exempt information. | |
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