

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Officer Urgent Decision - Record

Powers of the Proper Officer for s83 of the Local Government Act 1972-declarations of Acceptance of Office by Councillors

Decision(s) taken:	To approve designation as Proper Officer under s83 Local Government Act 1972 to the two Strategic Directors and the Head of Legal Services (in addition to existing Proper Officer the Chief Executive).
Decision of:	Chief Executive
Date of decision:	14 April 2021
Matter for Decision:	Upon being elected, every councillor is required to make a declaration of acceptance of office in front of the Proper Officer. For Cambridge City Council this is the Chief Executive (Constitution Part 3, Section 9, para 3). As there will be 42 city councillors to make the declaration and that this is to be done virtually, the proposal is that the declaration is made with one of four duly authorised Proper Officers to make it manageable under the virtual (Covid) circumstances.
Any alternative options considered and rejected:	-
Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:	An Urgent Decision under part 3 , section 9, para 2 was necessary as there are no meetings of the Council before the declarations will be made (likely between 10-12 May).
Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive:	None.
Other Comments:	The Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition Group, the Chair and spokesperson of the Civic Affairs Committee were all consulted and supported the proposed decision.
Reference:	2021/OfficerUrgent/CAC/01
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