

TREASURER APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE
(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

31 30 September 2013

Present:

Councillors Burridge-Clayton, Gordon, Healey and Yeomans

***TAC/1. Election of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Healey be elected Chair of the Committee.

***TAC/2. Appointment of Authority Treasurer**

The Clerk briefed the Committee on work undertaken to date and options available for the appointment of a new Treasurer to the Authority.

The Combination Scheme required the Authority to appoint a Treasurer. Additionally, this was a statutory role to satisfy the requirements of section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (analogous to Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Clerk reported that work to date had identified a quantum for the post both in terms of time commitment (circa two days per week) and associated cost. Options open to the Authority to secure a new Treasurer included:

- direct employment as a member of staff;
- appointment on a contractual basis following a procurement process.

Initial considerations indicated that, given the limited time commitment and associated salary, it was unlikely that a direct employment exercise would generate sufficient interest from individuals with sufficient knowledge and breadth of experience to undertake the role.

Appointment on a contractual basis would afford the opportunity to specify appropriate performance and quality measures.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the appointment of a new Treasurer to the Authority be undertaken on a contractual basis following an appropriate procurement exercise, with the intention being to conclude the process by the end of October 2013;
- (b) that, as part of the procurement process, the Clerk be delegated authority to produce, following consultation with Committee Members, an appropriate output specification and evaluation criteria for the post of Treasurer and commence the procurement exercise;
- (c) that the Clerk be asked to organise further Committee meetings both to undertake initial evaluation and shortlisting of expressions of interest submitted and subsequently to finally determine award of contract.

*** DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The meeting started at 11.00hours and finished at 11.35hours.