

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/20/10
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (Budget Meeting)
DATE OF MEETING	18 FEBRUARY 2020
SUBJECT OF REPORT	REPORT OF URGENT ACTION
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Fire Officer
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report be noted.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This paper advises the Authority of the action of the Chief Fire Officer (taken in accordance with Standing Order 27 and following consultation with the Authority Chair) in undertaking a process for and promoting an Area Manager to act as temporary Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Service Improvement), to cover during the period of incapacity of the substantive post-holder between 25 November 2019 and 20 January 2020.</p> <p>The Authority is required under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 to make provision for dealing with emergencies in its area. Having arrangements in place for the effective command and control of the Service is a fundamental part of making such provision and this urgent decision to appoint a temporary Assistant Chief Fire Officer was necessary to maintain an effective Principal Officer rota.</p> <p>It was also necessary to maintain the senior leadership capacity at a critical time in the run up to the Authority meeting on 10 January 2020 when important decisions were taken on changers to the Service Delivery Operating Model. This point was made by the Chair of the Authority at the start of that meeting.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS (ERBA)	Not applicable.
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.

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