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<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, 6 August 2019
<b>TIME:</b>	9.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Items for Decision

- 2 Proposal to extend Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer post (*Pages 3 - 4*)

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE\*\*** This meeting has been called at short notice to enable the timely recruitment of a Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer as the decision regarding whether to recruit or not could not wait until the next meeting.

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson and Phillips

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager  
Kate Faulkes, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
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## **BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council  
Extraordinary Meeting:**

**Agenda Item: 1**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager.**

### **Proposal to Extend Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer role**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** To request an extension to the funding and term for the role of the Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer in the Dearne Area

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** **That members agree to an extension of the funding and term for the role of Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer within the Dearne Area.**

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** The Dearne Area Council agreed to extend funding for the Private Sector Housing and Migration Officer role at the Area Council meeting in October 2018.
- 3.2** This agreement extended the post until the end of March 2020
- 3.3** The post holder who was on a secondment found permanent employment elsewhere and left the post in March 2019, leaving the post vacant
- 3.4** After two failed recruitment attempts the Area Manager and Safer Neighbourhood tasking officer concluded that in order to recruit successfully the post would be more attractive based on a longer term and with minor changes to the job profile.
- 3.5** Because the initial funding is earmarked for this role for a year it is recommended that this stays the case with a further year agreed and stating within the advert it is performance and finance dependant

#### **4. Budget Implications and outline of role**

- 4.1** Based on initial costings the role would cost approximately £32,000 per year

#### **5. Options**

- 5.1** Do not extend the post
- 5.2** As previously agreed just fund the post for 12 months from the new officer start date.
- 5.3** Commit to fund the post for at least 24 months (12 month contract, plus 12 months which would require a further delegated report to formally extend). This is intended to make the post more attractive to prospective applicants.

**6. Next Steps**

- 6.1** If the Area Council agrees the funding for the Housing and Migration Officers post, the Dearne Area Manager will complete the delegated report and submit it for approval.
- 6.2** Following which a request to recruit can be submitted and the recruitment process can commence.

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