

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 27 February 2024

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chief Social Work Officer

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek formal approval of the appointment of Lindsey Byrne as the Council's Chief Social Work Officer, as set out in Section 3.1 of this report.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council is asked to approve the appointment of Lindsey Byrne to the statutory post of Chief Social Work Officer.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Lindsey Byrne was appointed as Acting Head of Children's Services following the departure of Judith Tait in April 2023. In May 2023, following an external recruitment campaign, Ms Byrne was confirmed as the preferred candidate for the post of Head of Children's Services and was duly appointed to that role. In taking up her post, Ms Byrne also assumed the role of the Council's Chief Social Work Officer, pending formal Council approval of this appointment. The Council is therefore asked to approve Ms Byrne's appointment to the statutory position of Chief Social Work Officer.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.
- 6.2 Personnel – None other than those set out within this report.
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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