Thurrock Council Commissioners

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Councillor Andrew Jefferies Leader of the Council (via email)

Dear Councillor Jefferies,

I am writing to on behalf of the Commissioner team following the successful recruitment process that was undertaken by the General Services Committee and Commissioners in October 2023.

As you are aware, the Secretary of State's Directions pursuant to his powers under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 issued on 16 March 2023, give Commissioners powers to define the officer structure for the senior positions, determine the recruitment processes and then to recruit the relevant staff to those positions.

I am pleased that General Services Committee have recommend to Commissioners that they appoint Alex Powell as Assistant Chief Executive.

I can confirm that Commissioners agree with this recommendation and have exercised their power to appoint Alex Powell as Assistant Chief Executive. The appointment will take effect once onboarding and notice periods have been completed.

The Monitoring Officer is making arrangements for Full Council to note this decision at the earliest opportunity.

A copy of this letter will be published on thurrock.gov.uk as part of our commitment to transparency in the use of Commissioners' powers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Dave Smith Managing Director Commissioner