

**Clay Cross Town Board**

**Friday 29th September 2023**

**Chair of Board Appointment**

**Report of the Section 151 Officer – J Dethick**

Classification: Public

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Contact Officer: as above

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To summarise Clay Cross Town Board Chair recruitment process.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To formally record the appointment of Clay Cross Town Board Chair.
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**IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:** There is no financial impact to note.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:** The role of the Board, and appointment of Chair, is set out within the Terms of Reference and does not conflict with the Constitution of the Accountable Body.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:** No staffing matters to report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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**REPORT DETAILS**

## 1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 Town Deal funders, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), have stated that all Town Boards should be Chaired by a representative from the private sector. The Terms of Reference for the Board also reflect this requirement.
- 1.2 Clay Cross Town Board have been without a private sector Chair since spring 2022.

## 2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The recruitment process commenced in August 2023 with the panel, consisting of three Board Members, meeting to undertake the interview in September. The process is consistent with the Accountable Body's practice for appointing to senior positions.
- 2.2 The process resulted in the successful appointment of Lee Barnes who demonstrated the right skills and experience to lead the Board through the next exciting but challenging phase of the programme.

## 3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 To ensure the Clay Cross Town Board is Chaired by a private sector representative, as per the requirements issued by Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing.

## 4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options to consider.

### DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
n/a	
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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