

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>EXTENSION TO DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To extend the designation of the current interim Monitoring Officer.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>Council RESOLVES to designate Patrick Arran as Monitoring Officer until 31 March 2020.</b>
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	None
<b>Financial Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Andrew Cummings, Section 151 Officer Tel: 01453 754115 Email: <a href="mailto:andrew.cummings@stroud.gov.uk">andrew.cummings@stroud.gov.uk</a>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	There is a legal requirement for the Council to designate an officer as Monitoring Officer (who cannot be the chief finance officer or head of paid service). All further legal implications are set out in the report.  Craig Hallett, Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754364 Email: <a href="mailto:craig.hallett@stroud.gov.uk">craig.hallett@stroud.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Options</b>	The Council may wish to appoint a different officer but there is a legal requirement to designate an officer as Monitoring Officer.

1. Under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended) the Council has a duty to designate one of its officers as Monitoring Officer.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Officer has a number of statutory duties and responsibilities which include ensuring that the Council act lawfully and to avoid any maladministration. This includes advising on the lawfulness of decision making, applying and maintaining the Council's Constitution and arrangements for effective governance. The Monitoring Officer is also responsible for promoting high standards of conduct and ethical behaviour
- 1.3 At the Council meeting on 25 April 2019, Patrick Arran was appointed to the role of Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer until 28 September 2019. Mr Arran's contract has been extended until the 31 March 2020 to enable him to complete the review of Legal Services and it is necessary to formally designate him as Monitoring Officer until that date.