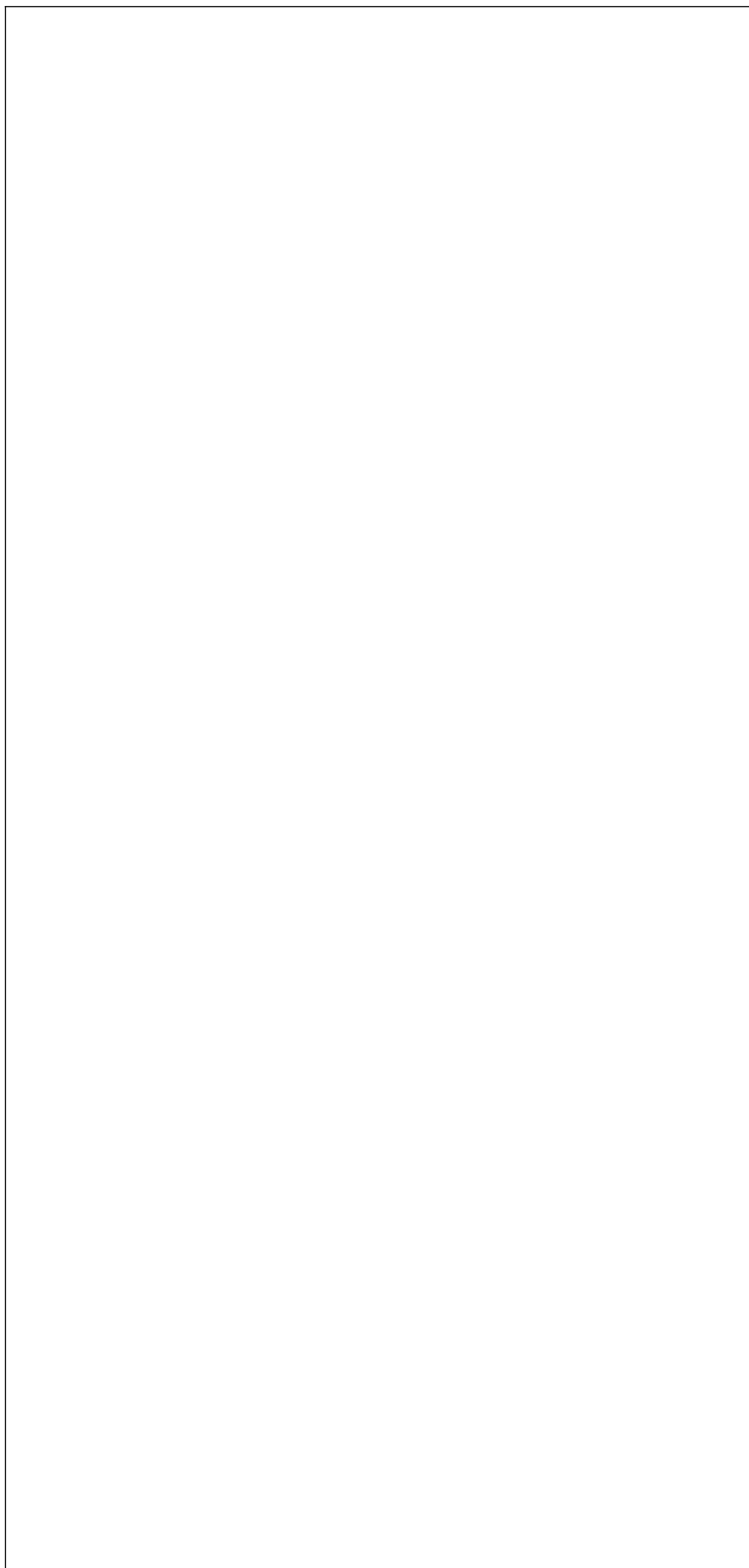
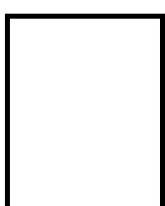
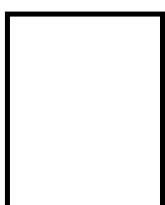
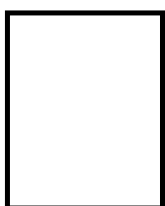
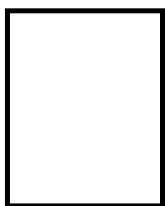
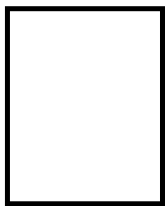
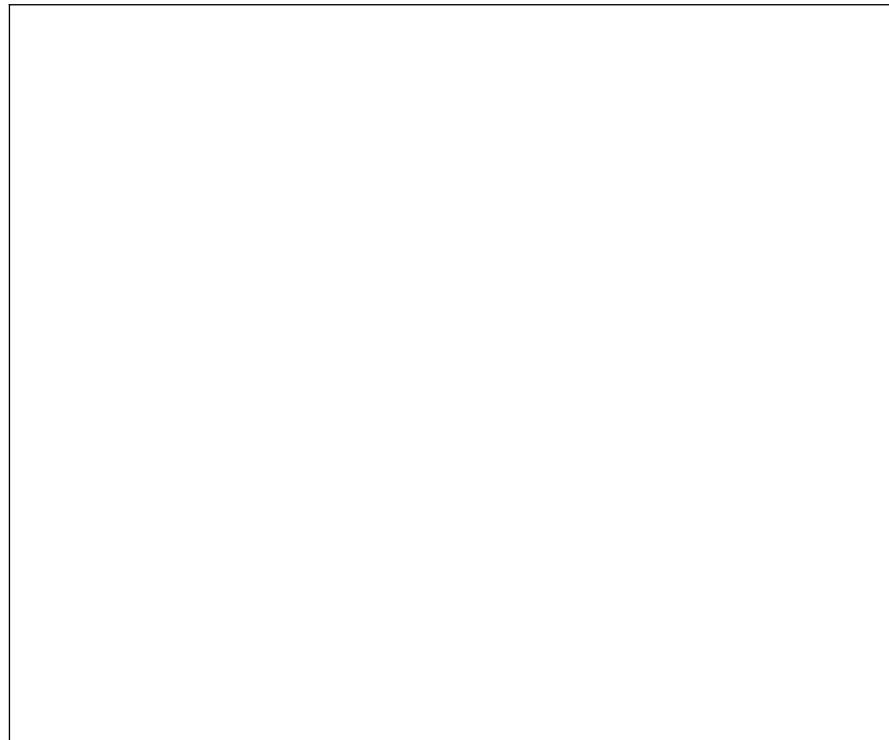
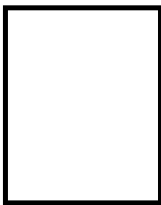
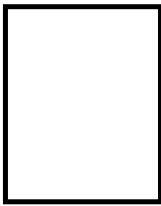


REPORT OF: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO: FINANCE COUNCIL
ON: 7th March 2011





APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To confirm the arrangements for the Monitoring Officer function following the Chief Officer restructure in December 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To appoint David Fairclough, Director of HR & Legal as the Monitoring Officer for the Council with immediate effect.

To update the constitution as appropriate to reflect the change.

3. BACKGROUND

Following the Chief Officer restructure and the appointments made by the Chief Officer (and Percentage related Chief Officers) Employment Committee on 9 December 2010, David Fairclough was appointed to the post of Director of HR & Legal. The post includes the monitoring officer role, which was previously undertaken by Linda Comstive, the Director of Legal Services who left the Council's employment in December 2010.

Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires Councils to appoint a Monitoring Officer to undertake the statutory responsibilities and the duties contained in the Constitution.

**Graham Burgess
Chief Executive
22 February 2011**