

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education

Date of meeting: 22 February 2024

Subject: Appointment at UTC Portsmouth

Report by: Alison Critchley, Head of Sufficiency and Resources

Cabinet Member: Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education

Wards affected: All

Key decision: Yes/No

Full Council decision: Yes/No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek agreement to the appointment of Portsmouth City Council's Chief Executive, Natalie Brahma-Pearl, to the UTC Portsmouth as a member of the company.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Natalie Brahma-Pearl, Portsmouth City Council's Chief Executive, be appointed by the Council to the UTC Portsmouth as a member of the company.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The UTC Portsmouth is a specialist college for young people aged 14-19 which opened in September 2017. The curriculum is focused on the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths, offering both academic and technical qualifications. The UTC also has exceptionally strong links with local employers. The College was judged to be "outstanding" when last inspected by Ofsted in June 2021.
- 3.2 The Department for Education agreed last year to the UTC Portsmouth opening a second UTC in Southampton as part of the same Trust.
- 3.3 The UTC Portsmouth is a company limited by guarantee, and an exempt charity whose principal regulator is the Secretary of State for Education. Portsmouth City Council is one of the original sponsors of the UTC. The UTC's Articles state that Portsmouth City Council appoints one of the members of the company. Members have no legal liability for the operations and undertaking of UTC Portsmouth, but they have the power to appoint and dismiss governors (who are also trustees of the charity and directors of the company).

3.4 David Williams, the former Chief Executive of Portsmouth City Council, was previously the Council's appointed member of the UTC company.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 Following Natalie Brahma-Pearl's appointment as the Council's Chief Executive it is recommended that she succeed David Williams as the Council's appointed member of the UTC company to maintain the same level of strategic relationship with the UTC.

5. Integrated impact assessment

5.1 No relevant impacts.

6. Finance comments

6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the Recommendation within this report. In the event that financial implications are identified at a later stage a further report will be brought to the Portfolio.

7. Legal implications

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Signed by: Sarah Daly, Director of Children, Families and Education

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by Councillor Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education: