

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 20th March 2017

Report Title: Appointment of Protector

Report By: Chris Barkshire-Jones Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

Purpose of Report

To request that Charity Committee approve the re-appointment of Christopher May as the 'the Protector' of the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charity Trust

Recommendation(s)

1. To re-appoint Christopher May as the 'Protector' of Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust for a period of three years.

Reasons for Recommendations

On the 13th January 2011, the Charity Commission for England and Wales approved Hastings Borough Council as trustee for the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust. The scheme required that the trustee must appoint a Protector of the charity "whose fiduciary duty will be to ensure the integrity of the administration of the charity, and who must report to the Charity Commission any matter which he has reasonable cause to believe is likely to be relevant for the purposes of the exercise by the Commission of any of its functions"

Introduction

1. It is a requirement of the above Scheme that the post-holder of Protector must be a person who holds a qualification awarded by a member of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies. Mr May is a Chartered Accountant.

Process

2. The post of Protector was advertised on the Council's website for a period of three weeks. Mr May was the only applicant.
3. Mr May was initially selected as the Charity's Protector in 2009, the appointment coming into effect with the sealing of the Scheme in 2011.
4. Mr May was then re-appointed on the 24 March 2014. He now has 6 years experience of being the Protector for the Charity. Whilst the appointment is for a maximum term of three years the number of terms the Protector may serve is unlimited.

Financial Implications

5. The Protector receives an allowance which was increased by 10% in 2014. He also receives out of pocket expenses and the cost of obtaining indemnity insurance.

Wards Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

None

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