

## **Employment Committee**

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 11 July 2023

Electoral Division affected:  
N/A;

### **Matters Arising under Urgent Business since the Last Meeting**

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#### **Brief Summary**

Since the last meeting of the Employment Committee, a decision was taken by the Director of Corporate Services under the Urgent Business procedure. In consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Employment Committee, the Director of Corporate Services approved the establishment of a casual Case Examiner role within the Coroner's Service.

#### **Recommendation**

The Employment Committee is asked to consider the matters arising under Urgent Business since the last meeting.

#### **Detail**

Since the last meeting of the Employment Committee on 9 March 2023 and under the committee's Urgent Business Procedure, the Director of Corporate Services approved the establishment of a casual Case Examiner role within the Coroner's Service.

The Case Examiner reviews all cases where a doctor has said that they do not know what the deceased has died from to see if a cause of death could be determined, which avoids a post-mortem.

A temporary cease in CT scanning in December 2022 caused HM Senior Coroner to reconsider how post-mortems were approached on an operational basis, which was possible due to a change in the law in July 2022. In December 2022, an immediate approach was quickly put in place to assist in easing mortuary pressures and ensure the service to bereaved families was not affected. The new role needed to be established urgently and before the next meeting of the Employment Committee in order to formalise the approach that was currently in place



Further information about the decision is available to view on the council's website here: <https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=22186>

### **Appendices**

N/A

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

N/A

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

