

Northumberland Local Government Review Programme

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Recruitment begins for new council's Chief Executive

THE RECRUITMENT process is underway to appoint the chief executive for a brand new council for Northumberland.

Adverts have been placed nationally for the chief executive, who will lead the process of building a brand new single unitary council, aimed at freeing up millions of pounds a year for front line services, increasing local decision making and keeping taxes low.

The brand new authority takes over responsibility for all services provided by Northumberland County Council and the six district councils on April 1 2009.

The chief executive of the new council is seen as a pivotal figure who will assume overall managerial responsibility for bringing together services across Northumberland, as well as working closely with the new councillors who will be elected on 1 May this year.

The salary has been set by the Implementation Executive (IE) following external advice to reflect salary ranges nationally for councils of this size. The IE is a joint committee set up to take decisions on local government re-organisation until after the elections. It is made up of the county council executive, county council opposition leaders and six district council leaders

The timescale and process agreed by the Implementation Executive is:

- Advertising is now underway**
- A closing date for applications in mid May.**
- Interviews in June.**

The selection process will be carried out by the new council following the elections in May. Members will be chosen to sit on the Appointments Panel following the first meeting of the Full Council on May 21.

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