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Gillian Beasley

Gillian Beasley was appointed as the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council in October 2015. This is a shared arrangement between Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. As Chief Executive, Gillian is the principal policy adviser to the 61 County Councillors and the statutory Head of Paid Service accountable for the Council's half a billion pound budget as well as the work of around 10,000 employees across the Council and Cambridgeshire schools who deliver a wide range of services to the community.

The role of Chief Executive is an appointment which requires the approval of the Full County Council following the recommendation of a candidate for the role by the cross-party Staffing and Appeals Committee. Whilst employed as the Chief Executive, Gillian is unable to undertake other paid employment and is required to devote her service to the Council, meaning that the Chief Executive is expected to work such hours as are necessary to ensure the job gets done. This routinely involves working evenings and weekends as well as the standard Monday to Friday business week. The postholder is 'on call' at all other times, particularly to cover civil contingency and emergency management requirements. No extra payments are made for such extended hours.