

The Director of Children's Services¹

With the exception of those matters where an appropriate Executive Member² has directed that the delegated authority should not be exercised and that the matter should be referred to the Executive Board for consideration³, the Director of Children's Services⁴ is authorised to discharge any functions⁵ of the Executive in relation to:

- (a) children's services⁶;
- (b) social services, so far as those functions relate to
 - (i) children or
 - (ii) young people leaving care⁷;
- (c) functions exercisable on behalf of an NHS body⁸, so far as they relate to children;
- (d) education⁹;
- (e) provision of services so far as they relate to information, advice and guidance under the Learning and Skills Act 2000;
- (f) operational responsibilities for the Youth Offending Service so far as they relate to the local authority;
- (g) specified functions in relation to the Building Hope – Leeds/Sri Lanka Tsunami Appeal charity¹⁰; and
- (h) child poverty.

¹ Appointed under Section 18 Children Act 2004

² An "appropriate Executive Member" is the Leader or other appropriate portfolio-holding Member of the Executive Board

³ The Director may consider in respect of any matter that the delegated authority should not be exercised and that it should be referred for consideration to the Executive Board.

⁴ The fact that a function has been delegated to the Director does not require the Director to give the matter his/her personal attention and the Director may arrange for the delegated authority to be exercised by an officer of suitable experience and seniority. However the Director remains responsible for any decision taken pursuant to such arrangements.

⁵ "Function" for these purposes is to be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion and includes the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of the specified functions. The delegation also includes the appointment of the Director as "proper officer" for the purpose of any function delegated to him/her under these arrangements.

⁶ Including functions in relation to:

- arrangements to promote co-operation to improve well-being of children;
- arrangements to safeguard and promote welfare of children;
- information data-bases;
- the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

⁷ Under sections 23C and 24D of the Children Act 1989, so far as not falling within (i).

⁸ Under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006

⁹ Including:-

- early years development, childcare planning, and youth services, and
- vocational training and allied services where they relate to children of compulsory school age.

¹⁰ In accordance with the resolution of the Executive Board 6 July 2005