

The Director of Adult Social 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 consideration,³ the Director of Adult Social Services⁴ is authorised to discharge any function⁵ of the Executive in relation to:

- (a) social services so far as those functions relate to adults⁶;and
- (b) arrangements to protect and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults⁷, including vulnerable young people moving into adulthood.

¹ Appointed under Section 6 Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

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

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

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 delegate 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 of Adult Social Services as “proper officer” for the purpose of any function delegated to him/her under these arrangements.

⁶ That is, do not relate to:

(i) children or

(ii) young people leaving care under sections 23C and 24D of the Children Act 1989, so far as not falling within (i).

⁷ So far as not falling within (a) above. See also footnote 6 above