

The City Solicitor is authorised¹ to discharge the following functions in relation to ²

1) Legal Services including:-

- a) Provision of legal advice and related support services;
- b) Functions relating to the role of Solicitor to the Council including:-
 - i) taking any action intended to give effect to a decision of the Executive (taken under the Leader's executive arrangements);
 - ii) the commencement, defence, withdrawal or settlement of proceedings;
 - iii) the authorisation of Council officers to conduct legal matters in court³; and
- c) The issue of appropriate indemnities to Directors in relation to Public Private Partnership / Private Finance Initiative and other major property and infrastructure related projects where a Director:-
 - i) Signs a certificate under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997; or
 - ii) Acts as a director to the LEP or LIFTco.

2) Democratic Services including support to elected members in their responsibilities, particularly in respect of:-

- a) The Leader of Council;
- b) Councillors via group support offices;
- c) The full Council meeting;
- d) Executive Board;
- e) Committees appointed by full Council;
- f) Scrutiny of the Executive;
- g) Training and development of councillors; and
- h) Management and oversight of the Members' Allowances Scheme.

3) Supporting the corporate governance of the council, particularly in respect of:-

- a) The requirements of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- b) Compliance with access to information requirements;
- c) Upkeep of the constitution; and
- d) Preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

¹ Save where the Leader or the relevant Portfolio Holder has directed or the Director considers that the matter should be referred to Executive Board for consideration.

² Together with similar and ancillary functions which have not been delegated to another Director.

³ "Court" to be construed widely including but not limited to tribunals, inquiries and other quasi-judicial hearings.