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CITY COUNCIL

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**Report of: Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)**

**Council**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Subject: Report under Rule 1.4 (b) Executive Procedure Rules. Withdrawal of concurrent delegation to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**Executive Summary**

1. This report advises the Council of an amendments made to the executive scheme of delegation by the Leader on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 to withdraw the concurrent delegation to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).

## **1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

- 1.1 This report advises the Council of an amendment made to the executive scheme of delegation by the Leader on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 to withdraw the concurrent delegation to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 Rule 1.4 of the Executive Procedure Rules provides that the Leader may amend the scheme of delegation relating to executive functions at any time by giving written notice to the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) and to the person, body or committee concerned. There is then a requirement for the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) to present a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council setting out the changes made by the leader.
- 2.2 On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 the Leader amended the executive scheme of delegation by withdrawing the concurrent delegation of executive functions to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).

## **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 The post of Chief Officer (Children and Families) was a post to which concurrent executive delegations were delegated.
- 3.2 The post has become vacant and is being covered by an acting Chief Officer on a temporary basis, in addition, the structure of senior staff in Children's Services is currently under review.
- 3.3 On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 the Leader amended the executive scheme of delegation by withdrawing the concurrent delegation of executive functions to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).
- 3.4 This report is to advise Council of the amendment made by the leader to withdraw the concurrent delegation to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).

## **4 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

- 4.1 The Constitution requires that the Council is advised of amendments made to the executive delegation scheme by the Leader in the interests of good governance.

## **5 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 There are no resource implications. Withdrawing the concurrent delegation from the Chief Officer (Children and Families) while the current arrangements are under review ensures that a clear chain of accountability can be demonstrated.

## **6 Conclusions**

- 6.1 This report advises the Council of an amendment made to the executive scheme of delegation by the Leader on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 to withdraw the concurrent delegation to the Chief Officer (Children and Families).

## **7 Recommendations**

7.1 The Council is requested to note the contents of this report.