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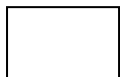
Report of: Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Council

Date: 25th February 2009

Subject: Report under Rule 1.4 (b) Executive Procedure Rules. Amendment to Officers Delegation Scheme – Executive Functions.

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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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 4th February 2009.

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 4th February 2008. The amendment broadens the scope of Directors decision making powers for staffing matters to include delegated decisions on staffing structures.

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 4th February 2008 the Leader amended the executive scheme of delegation – general delegations to officers.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 On 4th February 2008 the Leader amended the executive scheme of delegation – general delegations to officers in Part 3 Section 3E of the Constitution. The amended document is shown at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 The amendment made will broaden the scope of the Directors' and Assistant Chief Executives decision making powers for staffing matters to include delegated decisions on staffing structures. These delegated decisions are currently taken by the Chief Officer (HR) under the sub-delegation scheme of the Director of Resources.
- 3.4 This report is to advise Council of the amendment made by the leader

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 The changes will assist the Council in achieving its aims by reducing bureaucracy and enabling service changes to be undertaken at a local rather than corporate level. The delegation scheme will require the Directors to obtain appropriate professional advice prior to making decisions.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 This report advises the Council of an amendment made to the executive scheme of delegation by the Leader on 4th February 2009 to the executive scheme of delegation – general delegations to officers in Part 3 Section 3E of the Constitution.

7 Recommendations

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