



Report of Deputy Head of Democratic Services

Report to Leader of Council

Date: 21st January 2020

Subject: Amendments to Executive Arrangements

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| Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Has consultation been carried out? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Will the decision be open for call-in? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Summary

1. Main issues

- This report sets out amendments to the Constitution to give effect to a decision of Executive Board in relation to the Children and Families Strengthening Families, Protecting Children Programme.

2. Resource Implications

- There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Recommendations

- a) The Monitoring Officer is requested to approve amendments to
- Article 6 (Appendix 3);
 - Article 12 (Appendix 4).

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 This report sets out amendments to the Constitution.

2. Background information

2.1 Article 15.2.3 provides that the City Solicitor, in her role as Monitoring Officer, is authorised to make any changes to any part of the Constitution which are required:-

- As a result of legislative change or decisions of the Council or Executive to enable them to maintain it up to date; or
- For the purposes of clarification only.

2.2 On 25th November 2019 Executive Board received a report entitled Children and Families – Strengthening Families, Protecting Children Programme. The report proposed arrangements to enable the Council to take a lead role in national improvement programmes and at the same time ensure that there is sufficient leadership capacity to maintain the council's own position while supporting other authorities. Executive Board agreed the establishment of a 'Strengthening Families, Protecting Children' team including a Programme Director post operating at director level.

2.3 The arrangements were approved with a go live date of 31st January to allow sufficient time to agree delegation arrangements for the new Programme Director role.

2.4 In order to give effect to the decision of Executive Board on 25th November 2019, the Leader has approved a new officer delegation scheme (executive functions) for the Programme Director Strengthening Families, Protecting Children (Appendix 1); and amendments to the Executive Members Oversight of officer delegations (Appendix 2).

3. Main issues

3.1 In order to give effect to the decision of Executive Board on 25th November 2019, the Monitoring Officer is requested to approve amendments to:-

- Article 6: Scrutiny (Appendix 3) to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for oversight of relevant executive functions; and
- Article 12: Officers (Appendix 4) to reflect the commencement of the new Programme Director role, and for clarification to reflect structural changes within the children and families directorate.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 All proposed changes have been the subject of consultation with the Executive Member for Children and Families who is content with the proposals.

4.1.2 Both the Programme Director Strengthening Families, Protecting Children, and the temporary Director of Children & Families have been consulted in relation to the proposed arrangements and are content with the proposals.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no implications for this report.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 Publication of the Executive Arrangements within the Constitution is in line with the Council's Corporate Governance Code and Framework in addition to furthering the Council's value of being "open, honest and trusted."

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 There are no implications for this report.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 There are no implications for this report.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This report supports a significant operational decision of the City Solicitor in her role as Monitoring Officer. The decision is not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no implications for this report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The proposed amendments will give effect to the decision of Executive board in relation to the Children and Families – Strengthening Families, Protecting Children Programme.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Monitoring Officer is requested to approve amendments to

- Article 6 (Appendix 3);
- Article 12 (Appendix 4).

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.