

Report of the Chief Executive

SCHEME OF DELEGATION1. Purpose of report

To inform the Council of the changes to the scheme of delegation to allow officers to make decisions on behalf of the Council.

2. Background

The Councils management has gone through a structural change over the past two years and this has driven the changes to the Scheme of Delegation. Much of the delegated decisions were allocated to the Directors of the Councils' management. This change to the Scheme proposes to allow for more of those delegations to be distributed to Heads of Service who are responsible for their areas of specialism within the Council, as well as simplifying those delegations. The revised scheme also seeks to establish a clear management structure and allows for any subsequent changes to the Officers of the establishment.

3. Governance Issues

The delegation of functions to the Officers by the Council under the Scheme does not prevent the subsequent carrying out of those functions by the delegating body. Similarly, an Officer who subsequently delegates a function is not prevented from carrying out that function themselves.

The Scheme provides that the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, shall have the power to allocate any new functions of the Council, or a function which has not been allocated under this Scheme, to the Officer (including herself), which she considers most appropriate to perform the function.

The Scheme is not definitive on all sources of delegation (for example, powers to manage and deal with land are derived from several statutory sources) and the intention is that all functions are delegated under all enabling powers.

The revised Scheme will be circulated separately to the agenda.

Recommendation

The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the revised Scheme of delegation be approved.

Background papers

Nil