

Divisions: ALL

COUNCIL – 16 May 2023

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Report of the Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED to approve the Scheme of Delegation as it relates to Council functions including the amendments to Part 7.1 and Part 7.2 of the Council Constitution annexed to this report.

Executive Summary

1. The Council is required annually to agree the Officer Scheme of Delegation within the Constitution as it relates to Council functions.
2. Changes have been made to Part 7.1 of the Constitution to reflect
 - a) The appointment of the Interim Executive Director: People, Transformation and Performance.
 - b) The departure of the Corporate Director: Customer Services, Organisational Development and Resources on 5 May 2023 and the transfer of duties agreed by the Chief Executive.
3. In accordance with the report presented to Council on 28 March 2023, the Interim Executive Director: People, Transformation and Performance will lead the transformation programme for people services (adults, children, public health and community safety). They will be the line manager for the Corporate Director: Public Health and Community Safety, Corporate Director: Adult Social Care and Corporate Director: Children's Services.
4. Following the departure of the Corporate Director: Customer Services, Organisational Development and Resources, the Interim Executive Director: People, Transformation and Performance takes strategic accountability for cultural and customer services, equalities, diversity and inclusion, Coroner and Registration Service, libraries, property services and partnerships. The Director of Finance takes strategic accountability for human resources and organisational development, and digital, innovation and IT. The Chief Executive takes strategic accountability for communications, strategy and insight.

5. The opportunity has also been taken to make a number of other minor adjustments to Part 7.1 to reflect individual Corporate Director responsibilities and current job titles. All of the changes are highlighted in Annexes 1 and 2.
6. Part 7.2 of the Constitution has been updated at 6.3 to reflect the transfer of the Returning Officer role from the Director of Law and Governance to the Chief Executive. Section 6.3 has also been updated to include the Chief Executive's overall responsibility for emergency planning, disaster recovery and resilience, and health and safety.
7. At Section 6.4 of Part 7.2, the specific powers and functions of the Director of Law and Governance have been updated to include 'the approval of attendance of councillors at conferences and councillor claims for expenses including travelling, subsistence and accommodation'.

Financial implications

8. None arising directly from this report

Legal implications

9. The consideration of this report and subsequent decision on its content fulfils a legal obligation of the Council. A local authority is under a duty to prepare and keep up to date its constitution under s.9P Local Government Act 2000 as amended. As set out in The Local Government Act 2000 (Constitutions)(England) Direction 2000 the Constitution must include a description of those powers of the Council and of the local authority executive which are exercisable by an officer. This is set out in the Officer Scheme of Delegation and Council is requested to agree the Scheme of Delegation as it relates to Council functions.

Comments checked by: Anita Bradley, Director of Law and Governance

Equality and inclusion implications

9. None arising directly from this report

Sustainability implications

10. None arising directly from this report

Risk management

11. None arising directly from this report

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Annex 1: Revised Part 7.1 of the Council Constitution

Annex 2: Revised Part 7.2 of the Council Constitution

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