

## **COUNCIL – 15 MAY 2012**

### **OFFICER SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Report by the County Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

#### **Introduction**

1. At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution.

#### **Scheme of Delegation**

2. The scheme of officer delegation is contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution. The Scheme of Delegation itself, gives delegated authority to the Chief Executive, directors and other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 11 of the Constitution.
3. The Scheme of Delegation itself is unchanged. However, the areas of responsibility and post titles contained in Part 2, Article 11 are in need of update following recent changes and the reallocation of some responsibilities.

#### **Director for Children's Services**

4. Jim Leivers has recently been appointed as The Director for Children Service's. The Directorate, Children, Education and Families and the services for which the Director remains responsible are the same. However, for the avoidance of doubt, Article 11 has been changed by the Monitoring Officer to reflect the new post title.

#### **Chief Executive**

5. As part of Social & Community Services delivery of the Council's Business Strategy it has gone through a major re-organisation and is now actively engaged in playing a leading role in taking forward the new Health and Social Care agenda. The Council has an exciting new role in being the lead Authority working in partnership with GPs and others in assessing and planning for the health needs of the people of Oxfordshire. This new direction for the Council requires us to ensure all key services are fully aligned to these key objectives. As a result the responsibility for Libraries and Museum Services has moved from the Director for Social & Community Services to the head of law & Governance under the Chief Executive. Article 11 of the Constitution has been amended accordingly.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

6. **Council is RECOMMENDED to note the amendments to Article 11 of the Constitution identified in paragraphs 4 & 5 above and to approve the**

**scheme of Officer Delegation contained in Part 7.3 of the Council's Constitution.**

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Background papers: Nil

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