

Revisions to Officers' Scheme of Delegation

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Purpose of the Report

To seek the approval of Council to a change to the Officers' Scheme of Delegation contained within the constitution to reflect organisational changes to service delivery and changes to legislation.

Public Interest

Part of the Council's constitution sets out the rules and procedures that govern how the Council operates and what decisions can be taken by Committees and those that can be taken by officers. The Officers' Scheme of Delegation sets out those powers which have been delegated by the Council to be exercised by officers on its behalf. It is important that it is kept regularly up to date and changes to legislation and new powers brought within it to ensure the Council is able to exercise its functions effectively and efficiently.

Recommendation

That Council approve the revisions to the Officers' Scheme of Delegation which are shown in the Appendices A, B and C attached to this report and agree that the revised Scheme shall come into force with immediate effect.

Background

The Officers' Scheme of Delegation which forms part of the Council's constitution is the mechanism whereby the Council authorises its officers to exercise certain functions and powers on its behalf. It is an essential tool in ensuring the effective delivery of services. A consequence of changes to management arrangements and changes to relevant functions and powers, the scheme needs to be revised to accommodate those changes to enable officers to continue to take the necessary actions to protect and further the interests of the Council and the public. Attached to this report as Appendix A are the description of the changes that are being recommended to members together with a brief explanation of the reasons why.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications if members agree the resolution. If the Scheme was not revised then the work of the council would be seriously impaired and additional costs would be incurred and effective action delayed.

Legal and Constitutional Implications

This report has been referred to the Council as the decision on what powers are delegated to officers is a matter reserved for council. The Scheme needs to be approved to enable officers to rely on the powers contained within it.

Implications for Corporate Priorities

The existence of an up to date Scheme allows officers to take action without the need for individual authorisation. The effective running of the council would be seriously impaired without an appropriate Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

Other Implications

There are no other implications

Background Papers

None

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