

**To the Chair and Members of the
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION - PART 3, SECTION VII: COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report outlines proposed revisions to the Council Scheme of Delegation (Part 3, Section VII of the Council's Constitution) to reflect the delegations agreed by Council at its meeting on 8th September, 2008 relating to the new functions in respect of elections, changing governance arrangements and community governance, and also to incorporate the new post designations resulting from the recent senior management restructure carried out within DMBC.
2. Following this Committee's consideration of the proposed revisions, the Standards Committee will be invited to comment on the revisions at its meeting on 3rd December, 2008 prior to their submission to Full Council on 19th January, 2009 for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That, subject to the views of the Standards Committee, this Committee recommends the Full Council to approve the proposed revisions to the Council Scheme of Delegations, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

BACKGROUND

4. At its meeting held on 8 September, 2008, the Council agreed delegations to officers relating to additional functions in respect of elections, changing governance arrangements and community governance. Consequently, the Council Scheme of Delegations has now been updated to incorporate these changes.
5. Furthermore, the Council Scheme of Delegation has been revised throughout to reflect the new post designations arising from the recent senior management restructure conducted within DMBC, as detailed in the table below:-

Former Designation	New Designation
Strategic/Specialist Directors	Directors
Group, Corporate and Community Directors	Assistant Directors/Heads of Service

Strategic Director of Development	Director of Development
Group Director of Development & Planning	Assistant Director of Development & Planning
Strategic Director Neighbourhoods, Communities and Children's Services	Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities
Community Director Safer, Stronger & Sustainable Communities	Assistant Director Safer, Stronger & Sustainable Communities
Strategic Director Policy, Partnerships & Governance/ Strategic Director Organisational Development & Culture	Director of Resources/ Director of People & Performance Improvement
Corporate Director of Legal Services	Director of Legal & Democratic Services

The proposed revisions set out within Appendix 1 highlight track changes with the former designations being struck through and the proposed new designations shown in italics.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6. There are no other options considered appropriate. The amendments outlined in the report arise from the need to update specific information, which the local authority should incorporate within its Constitution.

RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS

7. The proposed amendments seek to update the Council-side Functions Scheme of Delegations in order to reflect the recent top management restructure exercise. The proposed revisions, which clarify an up-to-date schedule of officer delegations, do not carry any particular risk to the Authority.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The amendments to the Constitution contained in the report are consistent with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Regulations made thereunder.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

10. Members of the Council's Corporate Management Team have individually been invited to consider and comment upon the proposed revisions relevant to their respective service area(s) during formulation of this report. Following

consideration by this Committee, the revisions outlined in this report will be reported to Standards Committee on 3rd December 2008 and Full Council on 19th January 2009.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. The Council's Constitution
Reports to Full Council 7/11/05, 23/7/07 and 8/9/08, Standards Committee 25/6/08 & EDSC 8/7/08.
Statutory Instrument 2008 No. 516

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