

Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers

Appendix B

Paragraph No.	Title	Paragraph text	Proposed Amendment	Comment
1.22	Acceptance of Lowest Tenders for Contracts below £3,500,000	<p>To accept lowest tenders for the supply of goods or materials or the execution of any work and to accept the highest tender where payment is to be received by the County Council provided that:</p> <p>(a) The tender has been received and opened in accordance with Procurement Rules.</p> <p>(b) The Tender is within the approved revenue or capital estimates.</p>	<p>Amend to read "To accept lowest tenders for the supply of goods or materials or services or the execution of any work and to"</p>	<p>This provision enables officers to sign off tender exercises without reference to the relevant cabinet member where the lowest tender has been accepted. There is no persuasive reason why the supply of services has been omitted from this provision. The amendment would enable the same practical approach in respect of services to be taken as applies to the supply of goods or materials or the execution of any work.</p>
2.5.2(a)	Accepting Leases and Tenancies of Land and Buildings for County Council use	<p>To accept, amend, review and renew leases, tenancies and licences of land and buildings (including the surrender thereof) for the statutory purposes of the County Council, subject to:</p> <p>(a) The period of the lease or tenancy or licence not exceeding 10 years in total.</p>	<p>Change "10 years" to "20 years"</p>	<p>To improve administrative efficiency and allow minor leases, tenancies or licences at nominal sums but with a long term to be authorised by the Chief Officer. Financial control will still be retained with the existing cap on annual payments not exceeding £65,000 remaining.</p>

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5.1	Grant Awards	<p>(a) To approve student support to students attending designated courses of higher education in accordance with the transfer and delegation of functions under Section 23(1) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, The Higher Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations and the Education (Student Support) Regulations.</p> <p>(b) To approve discretionary student support in accordance with the Authority's current policy as determined in accordance with the Local Authority (Post-Compulsory Education Awards) Regulations</p> <p>(c) To approve payment of Grant Aid to pupils on courses - tuition fees, travel, subsistence (on the free meals scale), where the approved criteria are met.</p>	Delete paragraph 5.1	The approval of Higher Education Student Support grants is no longer a County Council function.

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5.8	Exercsie of Virement	In consultation with the County Treasurer, to exercise virement in individual cases up to a limit of £55,000 in any one case, from the budget provisions for "out-county" placements in order to supplement the resources of Special Schools to allow for the placement of pupils "in-county".	Amend to read: In consultation with the County Treasurer, to exercise virement in individual cases up to a limit of £55,000 in any one case from the schools' budget.	National changes to the regulations governing the funding of Specialist Education Provision (High Needs Funding) mean that this provision is no longer applicable, as the Authority's is required to commission and fund places based on a common process for all Special Schools (maintained or independent).
5.9	Exclusion of Pupils from School for Disciplinary Reasons	To consider in accordance with Schedule 15 of the Education Act 1996, whether to direct the reinstatement of a pupil who has been permanently excluded and, if necessary the date of reinstatement.	Delete paragraph 5.9	This power now rests with power school and academy governors and not the County Council
6.3.1	Trading Standards Functions	"To grant or issue certificates, licences and registrations under the said Acts and Orders and Regulations (full list shown below ...)"	Delete: Abandonment of Animals Act 1960 Business Names Act 1985 Add: Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968, Eergy Act 1976, Hallmarking Act 1973 Amend: Trading Descriptions Act 1968 to read Trade Descriptions Act 1968	Update list of statutes