

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 15 May 2014**

Report submitted by: The Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers

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Executive Summary

This report sets out amendments that have been made to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to note the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers.

Background and Advice

The Council's Constitution requires any amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers to be reported to the next meeting of the Full Council. The following changes to the Scheme have been approved by the Leader since the last meeting:

1. Accepting of Leases/Tenancies of Land and Buildings for County Council Use

The Leader has approved an amendment to paragraph 2.5.2 which now reads;

"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:

- (a) the period of the lease or tenancy or licence not exceeding 20 years in total."

Previously the above-mentioned period was set at 10 years.

2. Updating of References to Legislation and other consequential amendments

Changes in legislation and regulations have resulted in consequential changes being approved by the Leader as follows:

- Deletion of paragraph 5.1 - 'Student Support Grants'. This is no longer a County Council function.
- Amendment to paragraph 5.8 – 'Exercise of virement in respect of "out county" special school placements. National changes to regulations governing the funding of Specialist Education (High Needs Funding) mean that this provision is no longer applicable.
- Deletion of paragraph 5.9 – Exclusion of Pupils from School for Disciplinary Reasons. This power now rests school and academy governors and not the County Council.
- Updating of list of statues applicable to Trading Standards functions.

3. Director of Public Health

The Chief Executive has, under the Council's Urgent Business Procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee, approved a list of functions to be exercised by the Director of Public Health under the NHS Act 2006, the Health and Social care Act 2012 and other legislation and regulations.

4. Paragraph 1.2 - Acceptance of Lowest Tenders

The Chief Executive has, under the Council's Urgent Business Procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee, authorised officers to award a contract for the supply of services where the contract does not exceed £1,400,000. This brings tenders for service contracts in line with other tender processes.

Consultations

N/A

Implications

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management:

There are no significant risks attached to this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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