

23. SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS - REVIEW

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Legal Officer advising of the outcome of the work of the Working Group of Officers set up to review the council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

The report explained that under the council's Code of Corporate Governance, the council was required to review its Scheme of Delegation to Officers once in every administrative term. A Working Group had been set up to undertake the review and the objectives of the review were as follows:-

- To bring the current Scheme up to date to reflect recent legislation and delete obsolete provisions.
- To reflect the current remits of senior officers.
- To make improvements to the general terms of the Scheme to clarify responsibility for significant corporate policies and strategies such as equalities and information security, and
- To streamline the Scheme to make it easier to read by restricting references to particular sections of legislation to statutory appointments requiring to be made and legislation authorising the undertaking of specific statutory action affecting individual's rights such as issuing fixed penalty notices.

A revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers had been produced and a copy was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Amendments to the existing Scheme were shown in red italics while deletions were scored through. The main changes were examined within the report.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve the revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers as detailed in the appendix to the report hereto with immediate effect.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.