

**THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION: INTERIM VARIATION PENDING
THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

(Report by the Head of Administration)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Cabinet and the Licensing and Protection Panel to consider interim arrangements relating to the Council's Scheme of Delegation pending the recruitment of a replacement Director of Operational Services.
- 1.2 As Members will be aware the current incumbent of the post of Director will leave the Council's employment on 13th November 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scheme of delegation comprises part of the Council's Constitution and consists of a schedule of powers delegated to Officers by the Council, by Cabinet and by various Panels and Committees, often after consultation with an Executive Councillor or a Panel/Committee Chairman. This report is concerned solely with the powers delegated by the Cabinet and the Licensing and Protection Panel to the Director of Operational Services.
- 2.2 Following the departure of the present incumbent, the Cabinet and Panel are invited to consider appropriate interim arrangements in the event that powers delegated to the Director need to be exercised pending the commencement of duty by the new Director.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Bearing in mind that the issue in any event will be time-limited by the appointment process for the Director and having regard to the relationships of Directors and Heads of Service in other instruments of governance, it is felt that the matter could be dealt with most conveniently as an interim measure by substituting the Chief Executive for the Director of Operational Services wherever the latter term appears or is suggested in the Delegation Scheme.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Interim arrangements are required to facilitate the discharge of responsibilities delegated to the Director of Operational Services until a new Director is recruited.
- 4.2 The most convenient way of addressing the matter in the interregnum would be via the appointment of the Chief Executive for that purpose.

4.3 Accordingly it is-

RECOMMENDED

that, with effect from 14th November and pending the recruitment of a new Director, the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake the powers delegated to the Director of Operational Services in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

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Background Papers: The Council's Constitution