

Report of the Assistant Director, Legal, Governance and ITT.

Constitutional Change to Delegated Powers of Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion

Summary

1. This report puts before Members proposals for a slight change in responsibilities between the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing and the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion.

Background

2. One of the constitutional roles of Audit & Governance Committee is to consider proposed changes to the Constitution before recommending such changes to Full Council.
3. Recently, the portfolio of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services has expanded to incorporate the housing landlord function. As a result and in view of the synergies with the portfolio areas of the Executive Member (Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion), this Committee is being consulted upon removing the neighbourhood management function from the Neighbourhood & Housing Services executive portfolio and transferring it the executive portfolio for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion.

Consultation

4. Prior to Full Council taking a decision on this or any proposed constitutional change, the views of this Committee are sought constitutionally. This Committee then makes a recommendation to Full Council. Both Executive Members are supportive of the proposed adjustment to portfolio responsibilities.

Options

5. (a) To recommend that Full Council either accepts or rejects the proposed changes to the above executive portfolios; or
(b) To propose a further alteration to the changes set out in this report to Full Council

Analysis

6. To effect this change in portfolio responsibilities the following change to the Constitution would be required:

'Remove the functional area for neighbourhood management set out in paragraph 2.4 in part 3B (Executive Members Responsibilities) of the Constitution (page 17) and transfer that functional area to the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion set out in paragraph 2.6 of part 3B.'

Corporate Priorities

7. Aligning executive responsibilities to the most appropriate portfolio naturally contributes the Councils' overall of being an effective organisation, providing high standards in all that it does.

Implications

8. There are no known financial, HR, Legal or other implications associated with the contents of this report.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, the only risk associated with the contents of this report would be the potential for executive member decisions to be taken inappropriately, if the responsibility for such decisions were not held, constitutionally, in the right portfolio.

Recommendation

10. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to recommend the transfer of the neighbourhood management function to the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture & Social Inclusion.

Reason

11. In order to comply with the requirements of the Constitution.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Council Constitution

Annexes:

None