

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	26 July 2010
Title:	Changes in responsibility for Executive Functions
Reference:	1923
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Part 1 Chapter 15 of the County Council's Constitution requires changes in the responsibility for executive functions decided by the Leader to be reported to the Cabinet and County Council.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Responsibility for Executive functions is set in Part 2, Chapter 1, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution. Part 3: C of the Constitution (Executive Procedures) provides at paragraph 1.2 that the allocation of these responsibilities may be varied by the Leader at his or her complete discretion, to aid the more effective discharge of Executive business.
- 2.2. Any changes are to be effected by the Chief Executive and reported to the next appropriate meeting of the Cabinet and then Council.

3. Changes in responsibility

- 3.1. In the exercise of the authority detailed in paragraph 2.1 above, the Leader had made changes to the allocation of executive responsibilities. The executive responsibilities for economic development, rural affairs and human resources will now be absorbed into one portfolio and carried out by one Cabinet member whose title will be Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs.
- 3.2. The above changes will be incorporated in a revised version of Part 2, Chapter 1, paragraph 3 of the Constitution and as set out in the appendix to this report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. That the changes in Executive functions are noted and reported to Council in September 2010.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

This decision does not link to the Corporate Strategy but requires a decision to ensure that the County Council's governance and decision making arrangements remain effective.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. This decision will not result in any significant impact.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This decision will not result in any significant impact.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This decision will not result in any significant impact.

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

This decision will not result in any significant impact.

**Amendments to the Constitution: Part 2, Chapter 1, paragraph 3 –
Responsibility for Executive Functions**

Responsible person	Functions
<p>Executive Member for Economic Development <u>and Rural Affairs</u></p>	<p>Overall strategy and policy for all economic development matters <u>and for rural affairs</u>.</p> <p>Primary departmental links – Economic Development Unit, <u>Human Resources in the Chief Executive’s Department and Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department.</u></p> <p><u>Services – within the remit of the Economic Development Unit, Human Resources within the Chief Executive’s Department and rural affairs services within the Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department.</u></p> <p>Functional areas – monitoring and developing the county’s economy; co-ordinating and developing the Council’s involvement in European projects sponsored or led by the Economic Development Unit. <u>Monitoring and developing the sustainability of rural communities and the stewardship of the natural environment and heritage of rural Hampshire. Personnel policy formulation and skills development in relation to the County Council’s directly employed workforce (excluding schools).</u></p> <p>Appointments to relevant outside bodies not on a proportional basis in consultation with the minority parties.</p>