

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Part II Information Report**

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| Decision Maker: | County Council |
| Date: | 25 November 2010 |
| Title: | Changes in responsibility for Executive Functions |
| Reference: | 2302 |
| 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. This report meets that requirement.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 Responsibility for Executive functions is set out in Part 2, Chapter 1, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution. Part 3 C of the Constitution (Executive Procedures) provides at paragraph 2.1 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.

3. Changes in responsibility

- 3.1 In the exercise of the authority detailed in paragraph 2.1 above, the Leader has made changes to the allocation of executive responsibilities. The Deputy Leader of the Council has assumed the role of Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and will continue to be supported by the Assistant Executive Members for Education and for Children and Families.
- 3.2 The current executive portfolio of the Executive Member for Communities will be expanded to include the executive responsibilities for international relations; maintaining the County Council's shared presence in Brussels; co-ordinating the County Council's representation on Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships; and responsibility for the County Council's relationship with the Interfaith Network. The title of this combined portfolio

will be the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations.

- 3.3 These changes were reported to the Cabinet on 25 October 2010.
- 3.4 The above changes will be incorporated in a revised version of Part 2, Chapter 1, paragraph 3 of the Constitution as set out in the appendix to this report.

4. Recommendation

- a) That the changes in Executive functions be noted; and
- b) That the Monitoring Officer amend the Constitution accordingly.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision in compliance with Part 1 Chapter 15 of the County Council's Constitution.

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Changes in responsibility for Executive Functions – Cabinet report | 1582 | 24 May 2010 |

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.)

| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| None | |

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

NB: The functions of the Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services remains unchanged.

| Responsible person | Functions |
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| <p>Executive Member for Communities and International Relations</p> | <p>Approval of recommendations for expenditure from the HATs Community Budget on projects up to but not exceeding £25,000 per project per HAT, subject to not exceeding the approved limits for the respective HATs.</p> <p>Primary departmental link – Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (CCRA) and Chief Executive’s.</p> <p>Service area responsibilities – services within the departmental remit areas relevant to HATs and communities, European and international links.</p> <p>Coordinating the work of HATs, individually and corporately, and reporting to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on progress by way of informal and formal reports and an annual report to Council.</p> <p>Co-ordinating County Council representation on District based Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) for as long as required and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs); reporting on these to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.</p> <p>Promoting and monitoring the Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy, and developing and approving a community engagement strategy and coordinating the contributions from relevant service strategies.</p> <p>Corporate oversight of European and international policy and activities; acting as an ambassador with external and international/national bodies.</p> <p>Responsibility for the County Council’s relationship with the Interfaith Network.</p> <p>Appointments to relevant outside bodies not on a proportional basis in consultation with minority parties.</p> |