

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	25 October 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Changes in responsibility for Executive Functions
<b>Reference:</b>	2210
<b>Report From:</b>	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 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. The effect of these appointments is a further reduction in Cabinet posts to eight.
- 3.4. 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 November 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

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

Responsible person	Functions
Executive Member for Communities <u>and International Relations</u>	<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 <u>(CCRA) and Chief Executive's.</u></p> <p>Service area responsibilities – services within the departmental remit areas relevant to HATs and communities, <u>and european and international links.</u></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><u>Co-ordinating County Council representation on Liaison with the 11 District based Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs);</u> reporting on these to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.</p> <p><u>Promoting and monitoring the Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy,</u> and developing and approving a community engagement strategy and coordinating the contributions from relevant service strategies.</p> <p><u>Corporate oversight of European and International policy and activities; acting as an ambassador with external and international/national bodies.</u></p> <p><u>Responsibility for the County Council's relationship with the Interfaith Network.</u></p> <p><u>Appointments to relevant outside bodies not on a proportional basis in consultation with minority partners.</u></p>