

**CABINET – 14 DECEMBER 2010****EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – 31 MARCH 2011****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****REVIEW OF DELEGATED POWERS TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS****PART A****Purpose of report**

1. To seek approval for a revision to the delegated powers of the Director of Children and Young People's Service and Director of Adults and Communities, as part of a staged review of delegated powers to Heads of Departments.

**Recommendation**

2. The Cabinet is recommended to:
  - a) approve the revised list of delegated powers set out in Appendix 1 (with the exception of powers 3 and 4) and Appendix 2;

The Employment Committee is recommended to:

- b) approve delegated powers 3 and 4, as set out in Appendix 1.

**Reason for Recommendation**

3. To provide for the removal, update or consolidation of delegated powers, as appropriate as a result of structural changes within the County Council.

**Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)**

4. This is the second stage of a wider review of delegated powers to Heads of Departments. Recommended revisions to the delegated powers of the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Environment and Transport will be brought to the Cabinet and/or relevant Regulatory Committee in due course.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

5. The Constitution of Leicestershire County Council operates a general scheme of delegation to Heads of Departments in relation to both executive and non-executive functions, supplemented by a series of specific decisions which:

- i) define which officer is to be authorised to act as the “Proper Officer” for specified purposes; and
  - ii) give additional delegated powers to Heads of Departments in relation to particular issues or areas of activity.
6. The Cabinet, on 9 March 2010, and Development Control and Regulatory Board, on 18 March 2010, approved a revision and reallocation of executive and non-executive delegated powers respectively, formerly exercised by the Director of Community Services to the relevant Chief Officers. This arose as a result of structural changes within the County Council, which took effect on 1 February 2010.

### **Resources Implications**

7. There are no resource implications arising from the process of amending to the specific delegated powers allocated to Chief Officers.

### **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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## **PART B**

### **Background**

8. Officers of the Chief Executive's Department have been reviewing delegated powers across the County Council on a phased basis as a result of which changes will be recommended variously involving the removal, updating or consolidation of powers as appropriate. The aspect of this review relating to the powers of the former Director of Community Services was already in the process of being completed prior to the structural changes which took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 and so it was possible to combine the results of the review exercise with that of reallocation of powers to the relevant successor department at that stage.
9. This report deals with the next stage of the exercise involving the results of the review of the delegated powers of the Director of Children and Young People's Service and Director of Adults and Communities.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

10. None.

### **Background Papers**

Constitution of Leicestershire County Council.

Report to the Cabinet, on 9 March 2010, and Development Control and Regulatory Board, on 18 March 2010 - Reallocation of Delegated Powers to Heads of Departments: Urgent Action Taken by the Chief Executive.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Revised list of delegated powers to the Director of Children and Young People.
- Appendix 2 – Revised list of delegated powers to the Director of Adults and Communities.