

CHESHIRE EAST

Cabinet

Date of meeting: 21 May 2008
Report of: Interim Monitoring Officer
Title: Delegation to Officers

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To delegate decisions to officers of the Joint Implementation Team.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 Within a framework which recognises that policy decisions remain with Members and operational decision with officers, delegated authority be given to officers of the Joint Implementation Team to take all necessary action to achieve the implementation of the changes set out in the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order and all associated matters relating to their lead areas (as listed), subject to the following exceptions:

- Any decision which is likely to have a significant effect on the budget of the new authority.
- Any decision which is likely to have a significant effect on the manner in which a service is provided to the public including the mode of delivery of services, the type of service or frequency of service.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Risk Assessment

- 5.1 Unless there is a delegation of some operational decisions to officers no decision can be made without first seeking the Shadow Cabinet or Shadow Council approval. This would create a situation where the transition programme would be so severely hampered that it would be at severe risk of failing to achieve a smooth transition of services and functions on 1 April 2009.

6.0 Background

- 6.1 The Shadow Council and the Shadow Cabinet can delegate functions to officers of the Joint Implementation Team (JIT). The JIT was set up under the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008. In order to achieve effective implementation, operational decisions need to be delegated to the JIT officers. This needs to be done within a framework that appreciates that policy decisions remain with Members while officers exercise operational decisions. The proposed arrangements mirror those delegations which were set up by the Joint Committee during its existence.
- 6.2 The officers of the JIT and their lead areas are:

Post/Role	Officer
Lead Officer	Viv Horton
CCC Lead Officer	Jan Burns
People Block Lead	John Weeks
Places Block Lead	Paul Ancell
Performance Block Lead	Glyn Chambers
Governance	Julie Openshaw / Mike Flynn
Finance	Lisa Quinn
HR	Trish Barnett
Policy/Programme Support & Communications	Cedric Knipe Vivienne Quayle Bill Howie Alistair Jeffs Simon Kennish

It is suggested that the JIT officers be given delegated authority to take all necessary action to achieve the implementation of the changes set out in the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order and all associated matters relating to their lead areas subject to the following exceptions:

- Any decision which is likely to have a significant effect on the budget of the new authority.
- Any decision which is likely to have a significant effect on the manner in which a service is provided to the public including the mode of delivery of services, the type of service or frequency of service.

7.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 7.1 To ensure the effective implementation of the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008.

For further information:

*Officer: Julie Openshaw
Tel No: 01625 504250*

Email: j.Openshaw@macclesfield.gov.uk

Background Documents: None