

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

CABINET

Date of meeting: 08 September 2008
Report of: Interim Monitoring Officer
Title: Implementation Leadership Role

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To put in place revised officer arrangements for supporting the Cheshire East Council upon the Chief Executive taking up her post.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 To formally disestablish the Implementation Team established in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 with effect from 06 October 2008.
- 2.2 To authorise the continuation of the Implementation Team for the time being from 06 October 2008 under the leadership of the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council, pending the Chief Executive reviewing the officer arrangements necessary to support Cheshire East Council and to ensure ongoing consultation and co-operation with the County Council and the East Cheshire Councils.
- 2.3 To give the Chief Executive authority during that review to add to, reduce or change the composition of the Implementation Team.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None.

4.0 Financial Implications for 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 As set out in the report.

6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 To mitigate the risk of challenge to the authority of the officer team to carry out its functions, the composition of the team and its leadership are detailed in this report.

7.0 Background and Options

- 7.1 Regulation 21 of the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 required the Joint Committee to form a team of officers (an Implementation Team) for the purpose of assisting the Joint Committee in the discharge of its functions. The Regulation required the leader of the team to be an officer of Macclesfield Borough Council and provided that the Implementation Team would continue in that role and support the Shadow Council after the dissolution of the Joint Committee if the Shadow Council so required.
- 7.2 Following the elections, the first meeting of the Cabinet authorised the continuation of the Implementation Team.
- 7.3 It is now considered appropriate, with the new Chief Executive of Cheshire East about to take up her appointment, for the Shadow Council to formally disestablish the Implementation Team established under Regulation 21 from 06 October 2008. With the appointment of Directors also imminent, in the future it will be the new Management Team of Cheshire East Council who will support the Shadow Council rather than the Implementation Team.
- 7.4 However, in order to ensure that work continues on implementation pending a review by the Chief Executive of the arrangements needed to support Cheshire East Council and to ensure co-operation with the outgoing authorities, Cabinet are asked to authorise the continuation of the Implementation Team for the time being under the leadership of the Chief Executive and to give her the authority to add to, reduce or change the composition of the team.

8.0 Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues

- 8.1 Appointment of the new Chief Executive to lead the Implementation Team is a logical step in the development of the shadow authority.

9.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 9.1 To ensure clarity in respect of the leadership of the Implementation Team.

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Background Documents:-

Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008
Local Government And Public Involvement in Health Act 2008

Documents are available for inspection at:
Congleton Borough Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
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