CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:12th July 2010Report of:Borough SolicitorSubject/Title:Legal ServicesPortfolio Holder:Cllr Frank Keegan

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Members asked for a general update/briefing about the work of Legal Services and it was agreed that this Committee should receive a presentation.
- 1.2 The Legal Services Manager and Borough Solicitor will attend the meeting and supplement the information provided in this report with additional material, all of which is aimed at explaining the work of Legal Services and the context in which it operates.

2.0 Decision Requested

2.1 Members are asked to receive the presentation.

3.0 Background and Options

- 3.1 Legal Services deals with the full range of local authority legal work. It is split into three teams: Corporate; People; and Places, Regulatory and Compliance. A diagram at Appendix 1 shows the worktypes associated with those teams. A diagram at Appendix 2 shows the structure that was originally envisaged and the prevailing position (due to budgetary constraints).
- 3.2 Further documentation will be supplied and explained to Members at the meeting, e.g. benchmarking data is available which compares legal services across a range of local authorities.

4.0 Access to Information

4.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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LEGAL **SERVICES**

LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

Support to team managers and staff generally Corporate PFI projects Major projects/workstreams General local government law advice

CORPORATE TEAM

PEOPLE TEAM

PLACES, REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE TEAM

Property

Employment (operational and policy)

Procurement

Contract

General Litigation

Commercial

Corporate

PFI Projects

Shared Service/Joint Working

General local government law advice Information law (DPA/FOIA)

Childcare Adoption

Education (internally and to schools)

Cover for Borough Solicitor

Adults

General local government law advice Information law (DPA/FOIA)

Planning Highways

Licensing

Environment

Housing

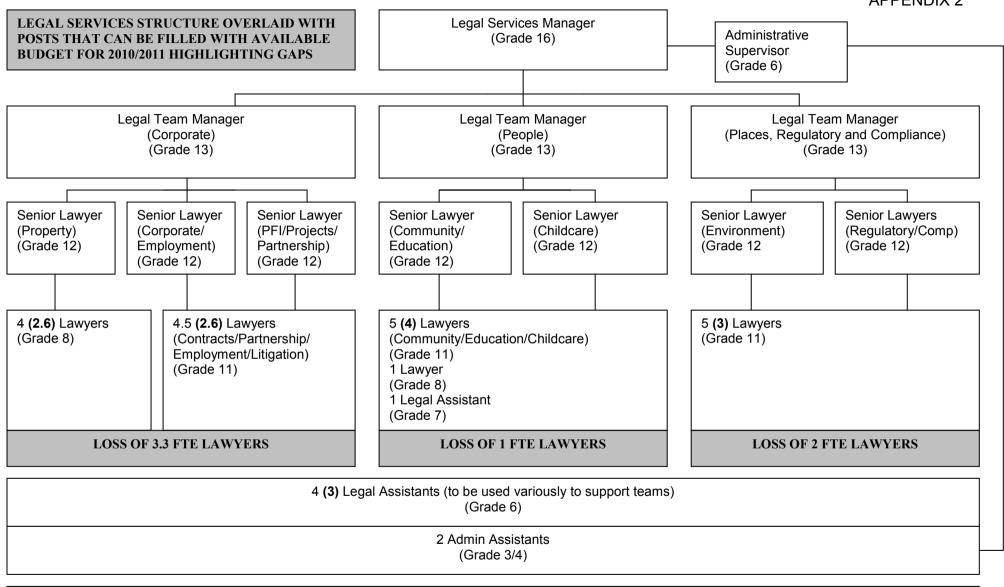
Rights of Way

Trading Standards

Benefits Prosecutions

General local government law advice Information law (DPA/FOIA)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS



OVERALL LOSS OF 7.3 FTE (38.5 DOWN TO 31.2)