

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Date of Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
**Report of:** Borough Solicitor  
**Subject/Title:** Legal Services  
**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Frank Keegan

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### **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**

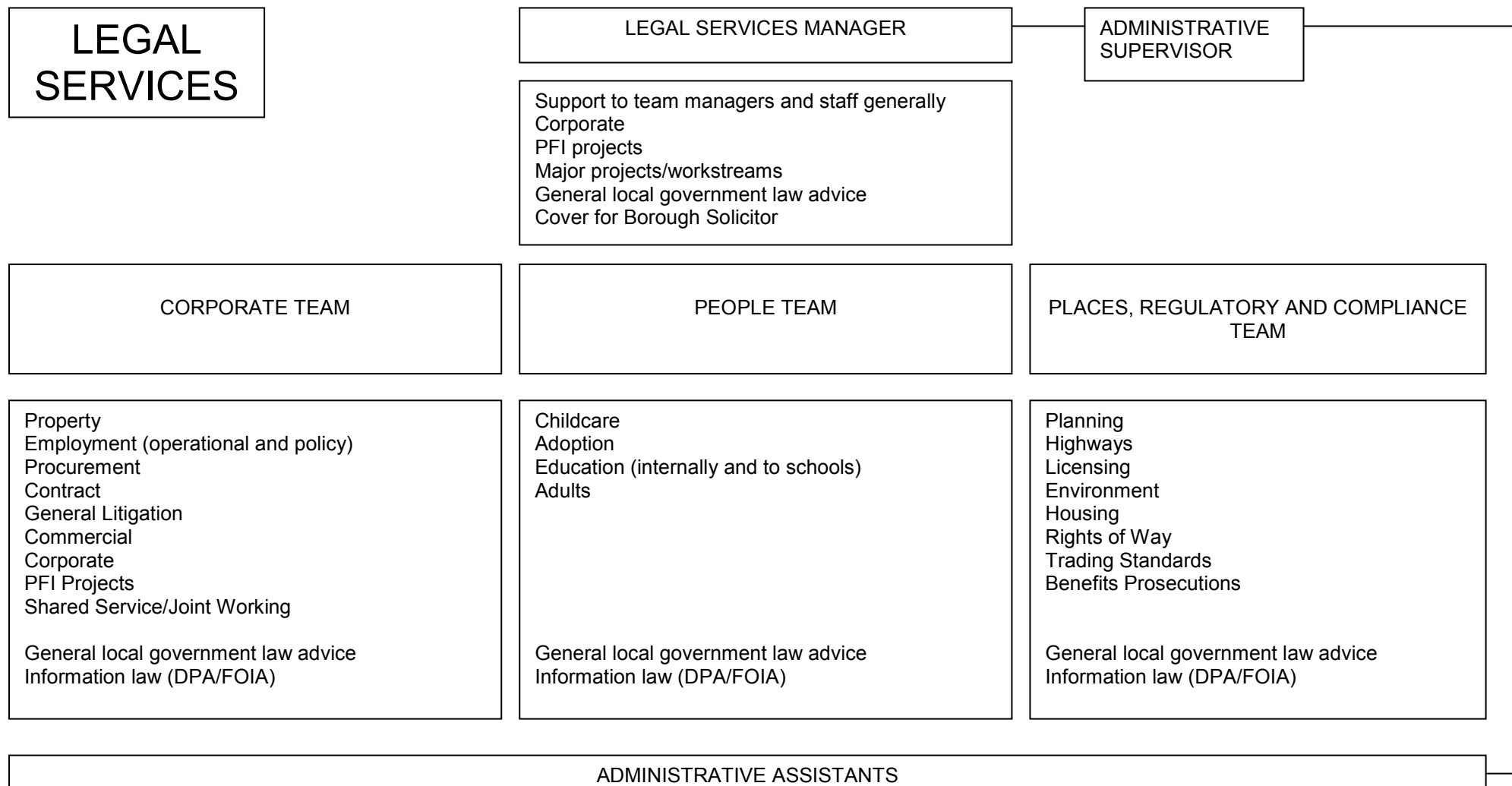
- 3.1 Legal Services deals with the full range of local authority legal work. It is split into three teams: Corporate; People; and Places, Regulatory and Compliance. A diagram at Appendix 1 shows the worktypes associated with those teams. A diagram at Appendix 2 shows the structure that was originally 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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## APPENDIX 1



## APPENDIX 2

