



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

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Item No.

Report of Chief Executive

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DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS

Recommendation

That Council approve, as an urgent temporary measure, the further adjustment of the existing delegations to Officers to formally validate their exercise by the new Directors and/or the relevant current Section Manager in respect of those functions for which they are responsible.

Background

As members will know, the Council is going through a transitional phase pending the finalisation of formal structures.

A number of Senior Officers who had a number of powers delegated to them have now left the authority. As a result of this, there is an urgent need to temporarily amend the scheme of delegations to authorise relevant Officers to exercise the powers contained in the scheme of delegations.

A report was presented to General Purposes Committee on 9 December 2004, seeking authority from Council to amend the delegations to enable the Interim Directors to exercise powers as a temporary measure. This report seeks a further rationalisation of this and seeks Council's authority to authorise the new Directors and the current Section Managers to exercise delegations relating to the functions for which they are responsible, pending the outcome of the current structural changes taking place.

Constitutionally, alterations to the Constitution are a matter for the Executive to recommend to the Council. However, given the fact that this is a temporary measure and the matter is urgent, the Executive's recommendation has not been sought and Full Council is being approached directly.

Consultation

Legal Services

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