



City of Westminster

General Purposes Committee Report

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Title of Report:

Changes to delegations consequent upon the reorganisation of the Children and Community Services Department

Report of:

Director of Legal and Administrative Services

Wards involved:

All

Policy context:

Statutory duty to establish posts of Director of Children's Services and Director of Adults Social Services

Financial summary:

There are no financial implications arising from this report

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6-1. Summary

- 1.1 On 13th November 2006 Cabinet approved organisational changes including the creation of three new Departments and the post of Head of Adult Services and consequential changes to delegations to Officers in respect of executive functions
- 1.2 This report makes recommendations concerning consequential amendments to delegations to Officers in respect of non-executive functions.

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2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 That with effect from their respective appointment, the delegated non-executive functions formerly exercised by the Director of Schools and the Director of Lifelong Learning be transferred to the Director of Schools and Learning and the delegated non-executive functions formerly exercised by the Director of Older People, Disabilities and Health and the Director of Social Care Specialist Services and Development be transferred to the Director of Adult Social Services.
- 2.2 That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority to exercise the delegated non-executive functions of the Director of Adult Social Services in her absence except where prohibited from so doing by statute or rules of Court.
- 2.3 That the Director of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to revise the Schedule of Delegations to Officers in respect of non-executive functions accordingly.

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3. Background

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- 3.1 On 13th December 2006 Cabinet approved organisational changes in response to the Government's *Our Health, Our Care, Our Say* White Paper and further response to the *Every Child Matters* agenda. As a consequence three new separate, but still linked, departments were established with effect from 1 December 2006 namely, Children's Services; Adult Social Care and Health and Housing.
- 3.2 Cabinet agreed changes to the Officer delegations relating to executive functions and similar decisions need to be taken concerning Officer delegations in respect of non-executive functions by the General Purposes

Committee.

- 3.3 Members are recommended to agree consequential changes in respect of those Officer delegations relating to non-executive functions, such as appointment of staff, and to authorise the Director of Legal and Administrative Services to revise the Schedule of delegations accordingly.

3.4 No new delegations to Officers are included in the proposals in this report.

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4.4. Financial Implications

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- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

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- 5.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

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- 6.1 In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, which allow for the delegation of functions to Officers, it is necessary to amend the Schedule of Delegations to Officers, which forms part of the City Council's Constitution, consequent upon the recent organisational changes.

7. Conclusion

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- 7.1 With effect from 1 December 2006 the Children and Community Services Department was separated into three Departments and a new post of Director of Adult Social Services was created. Changes to Officer delegations in respect of non-executive functions are necessary as a result.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The documents used or referred to in compiling the report were: -

Report to Cabinet 13 November 2006 entitled "Reorganisation of Children and Community Services Department"

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