

Minutes of Leader Decision Making Session held on 9 April 2010

Present:

Councillor Alan Farnell (Decision maker)

Councillors in attendance: Richard Chattaway

Officers: Jane Pollard, Democratic Services Manager

1 Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

2 Changes to Delegations Officers

Urgent Decision –this decision takes immediate effect.

The Leader considered a report of the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance asking the Leader to revise the delegations to officers to reflect the new officer structure. Jane Pollard explained that with the departure of Graeme Betts the former Strategic Director of Adults Health and Community Services, revised officer management arrangements had been made. The purpose of the report was to revise the delegations in accordance with the new arrangements and to ensure there was no break in delegation, particularly as the Director of Adult Social Care Services was a statutory post.

Councillor Chattaway commented that this decision appeared to be somewhat late having been advised that the arrangements were to take place from 1 April 2010, and there had been no opportunity for member scrutiny of the proposed new management arrangements. He wished to know whether there was any intention to remove the Adult Social Care Directorate and when members might be informed of the proposals for Library transformation.

Councillor Farnell in response clarified that the revised management arrangements had taken effect from 1 April 2010. This decision was to revise the delegations to accord with those changes. David Carter Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance was now responsible for Library Transformation and it was expected there would be a report to members before the end of the year. Councillor Farnell considered that it was important that the Library Service was located with the work being done by that directorate in relation to 'one front door'. In respect of adult social care there was no intention to remove the directorate, an interim director had been appointed to review our current way of working and the interface with joint working. Councillor Farnell considered that was better done with the Libraries, Heritage and Museum Services located under separate management arrangements. He considered that the new arrangements were an appropriate and sensible solution.

Resolved

That the revised officer delegations set out in the Appendices A to C are approved

3. Any other items

None.

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Leader

The meeting rose at 10: 05am