

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	14 April 2023
Title:	Chief Officer Delegations Register
Report From:	Director of Universal Services and Director of Adults' Health and Care

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to redelegate existing Executive Member delegations in favour of the Directors of Adult Services and Culture Community and Business Services (CCBS), to the Director of Adults' Health and Care in consultation with the Director of Universal Services.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the list of ongoing delegations previously made to the Directors of Adult Services and Culture Community and Business Services in Appendix 1, and confirms that these are now delegated to the Director of Adults' Health and Care in consultation with the Director of Universal Services or other person authorised by the Director of Universal Services for this purpose.

Executive Summary

3. This report is required as a result of the Council's restructure on 1 January 2023 to ensure that existing delegations remain lawful and so that the Directors of Adults' Health and Care and Universal Services can effectively and lawfully make decisions using the delegations.

Contextual information

4. On 1 January, CCBS was disbanded, and their functions primarily reallocated as appropriate to Hampshire 2050 and Universal Services.
5. In order to ensure the effective running of the Council existing delegations to the Director of CCBS listed in the appendix should be reconfirmed. For administrative efficiency and to ensure appropriate future governance, it is recommended that the Chief Officer delegations set out in Appendix 1 in respect of programme specific grant awards and programme specific capital expenditure, which were previously made in favour of the Director of Adult Services and the Director of CCBS, are now reconfirmed as delegations to the Director of Adults' Health and Care, in consultation with the Director of Universal Services. This will ensure that there is appropriate involvement from the Chief Officer with responsibility for property matters, whilst ensuring that the decision itself is made by the Chief Officer with responsibility for Adults' Health and Care.
6. Background information about the previous delegation is contained in an exempt Appendix and included as Item 2 on this agenda.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

7. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
8. The carbon mitigation tool and/or climate change adaptation tool are not applicable because the decision is administrative in nature.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

2.1. There are no equality impacts arising as a result of this Report