

**DELEGATION OF POWERS TO
THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) -Councillor John Williams, Leader

Responsible Director(s) – Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

1. To seek delegation of powers in respect of the Supporting People Service to the Director of Community Services.

Background

2. A review of the Supporting People Service has highlighted a number of omissions from delegated powers that need to be addressed by Council.

Information and Analysis

3. The scheme of delegation to officers needs to be amended to include the 5 delegated powers shown in the table below. The powers concerned need to be delegated to the Director of Community Services in relation to Supporting People and will not be required to be reported formally

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

In respect of Supporting People:-

Delegated Power	Formally Reported
1. Make payments of Supporting People grant in accordance with Supporting People Grant Conditions.	No
2. Consider requests for backdated subsidy where the client has been awarded backdated Housing Benefit or a backdated Fairer Charging Assessment.	No
3. Award payment of subsidy for clients in receipt of Housing Benefit or a Fairer Charging Assessment in accordance with the Supporting People Charging Policy.	No
4. Consider written requests for revisions of award of subsidy by carrying out an internal review, in accordance with the Supporting People Charging Policy.	No
5. Identify overpayments of subsidy and use discretion in the recovery of overpayments.	No

Outcome of Consultation

4. The contents of this report was not subject to consultation.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report will have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

7. The issues contained within this report require approval by Council.

Conclusion

8. This report asks members to consider additions to the delegation of powers to officers.

Recommendations

9. It is recommended that Council approve the additions to delegated powers as highlighted in the report.

Reasons

10. To approve the delegation of powers to Officers

Cliff Brown
Director of community Services

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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