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**SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member -  
Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader**

**Responsible Director - Ada Burns, Chief Executive  
Chief Officers Executive**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval for a revised scheme of delegation following the decision to make changes to the management structure of the Council.

**Summary**

2. The Council approved a new management structure at its meeting in November. In order to give effect to the new structure a revised scheme of delegation is required which ensures that it is clear which Director and Assistant Director is able to make decisions in relation to any particular area. The scheme also includes proper officer functions. Executive functions within the scheme are the responsibility of Cabinet and require separate approval by Cabinet. The scheme gives effect to the decision of Council in November in relation to non-executive functions.

**Recommendation**

3. It is recommended that the revised scheme of delegation which is attached at **Appendix 1** is approved in relation to executive functions.

**Reasons**

4. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
  - (a) To ensure that the Council has sufficient senior management capacity during a significant period in its transition and adaptation to the fall in resources.
  - (b) To drive forward the Council's vision in relation to Economic Growth.

## Ada Burns, Chief Executive

### Background Papers

C.Whitehead : Extension 2306

S17 Crime and Disorder	The Council is responsible for the prosecution in relation to a number of areas of criminal law. The decision to prosecute must be delegate and exercised by the appropriate officer to be effective and robust to challenge.
Health and Well Being	There are no specific impacts in relation to Health and Well Being within these proposals.
Carbon Impact	The delegations grant delegated powers to officers with responsibility for Carbon Management however there are no specific carbon impacts as a result of this report.
Diversity	There are no specific impacts in this report on those with protected characteristics. The decision relates to the Council's management arrangements.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the Budget and Policy Framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The revised structure is designed to drive forward the agenda in relation to Economic Growth which is a key strand of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Efficiency	This report gives greater responsibility to a number of senior managers in order to release capacity to drive forward Economic Growth with a view to achieving a key element of the proposed MTFP.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

5. The powers of a local authority are derived from statute. The powers are categorised as either Executive powers which sit with the Leader and Cabinet or Non- Executive which sit with full Council and its Committees. The scheme of delegation contains both executive and non-executive powers and therefore the scheme requires approval by both Cabinet and Council. Council approved the proposed restructure in November 2013 and the proposed scheme gives effect to the restructure. Cabinet is requested to approve the changes to the scheme so far as they relate to non- executive functions. .
  
6. The revised scheme has been developed by the Borough Solicitor in consultation with the Assistant Directors for the various areas affected by the changes. The restructure was put in place on 1 February 2014. Until the revised scheme comes into effect decisions will remain with existing officers in consultation with the new post holders under the revised structure. The proposals make no changes to the nature or level of delegation from members to officers but re-organises the existing level of delegation to the appropriate officers.