

County Council

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Interim Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions for the period between the County Council Elections and the Reconstitution of Council Bodies

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To seek delegated authority for the discharge of County Council functions in the period between the County Council elections and the reconstitution of Council bodies.

Background

2. On 2 May 2013, with the exception of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, all Members of the County Council will retire from office. In order to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place to enable urgent business to be dealt with during the period from 2nd May up to the Annual Meeting of the County Council) on the 22nd May, the Council is recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council (who remain in office until the first annual meeting of the new Council) to take any urgent action necessary in the interests of the Authority.
3. It is further proposed that this delegation be continued during the period from the Annual Council Meeting until the appropriate Council bodies are reconstituted and that in that period the Members to be consulted would be the new Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Recommendations and Reasons

4. That Council agrees:
 - (i) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, to take any urgent action necessary in the interests of the Authority from the 2nd May 2013 until the Annual Council Meeting in consultation with the current Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

- (ii) From the Annual Council Meeting until the appropriate Council bodies are reconstituted to delegate Authority to the Chief Executive to take any urgent action necessary in the interests of the council and that in that period the Members to be consulted are be the new Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – none specific in this report.

Staffing - none specific in this report.

Risk - none specific in this report.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - none specific in this report.

Accommodation - none specific in this report.

Crime and Disorder - none specific in this report.

Human Rights - none specific in this report.

Consultation - none specific in this report.

Procurement - none specific in this report.

Disability Issues - none specific in this report.

Legal Implications - none specific in this report.