

**29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS –**  
**APPOINTMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE –**  
**THE COUNTY DURHAM (STRUCTURAL CHANGE) ORDER 2008**

**1. SUMMARY**

This report relates to the executive arrangements during the transitional period of the Local Government Reorganisation process and invites the Council to nominate a member to serve on the Implementation Executive, established by the County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council nominates the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs. Agnes Armstrong, to serve on the Implementation Committee during the first transitional period as defined in the Order.

**3. BACKGROUND**

Following the Government's announcement of the decision to introduce a unitary system of local government in County Durham the Structural Change Order giving effect to that decision has been laid before Parliament and came into force on or about 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

During the first transitional period which runs from the day on which the Order comes into effect until the fourth day after the May 2008 elections the transitional functions are to be discharged by a committee to be known as the "Implementation Executive". During the second transitional period from the fourth day after the elections until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 these functions will be discharged by the newly elected Council's executive.

The transitional functions include "preparing for and facilitating the economic, effective, efficient and timely transfer of the district council's functions, property, rights and liabilities".

The Implementation Executive is required to produce an Implementation Plan (Article 9(1)) and establish a team of officers to be known as the Implementation Team (Article 10(1)).

**4. MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE**

The membership of the Implementation Executive is prescribed in the Draft Order as follows:-

- (a) the Leader for the time being of the County Council
- (b) nine other County Councillors nominated by the County Council

- (c) one other person nominated by the County Council who, for the time being, is a Conservative Party Member of that Council, and
- (d) seven District Council Members, one to be appointed by each District/Borough Council.

The County and District Councils each have a specific duty to co-operate in the establishment of the Implementation Executive and members should note that the Leader of the Borough Council has met with the Leaders of the other District Councils and Durham County Council on a number of previous occasions on an informal basis in order to discuss local government reorganisation.

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**Background Papers:**

Report to Durham County Council – 6<sup>th</sup> February  
County Durham Structural Change Order 2008

**Examination by Statutory Officers**

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