

DELEGATED DECISION

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

19 JUNE 2017



Authorisation of named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court pursuant to section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972

Report of Clare Pattinson Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To authorise named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court, pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Background

- 2 The list of officers from Revenues and Benefits and Internal Audit and Risk within the Resources Directorate who attend the Magistrates Court has been reviewed and updated.

Decision

- 3 To authorise the following named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court pursuant to Section 223 Local Government Act 1972 in order to collect and recover Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates, Business District Improvement Levy and Sundry Debt.

Mrs Shirley Bainbridge – Senior Officer Payments, Income, Support
Mrs Caterina Blackburn – Assessment and Awards Manager
Mrs Michelle Birkett – Team Leader Assessment and Awards
Mr Kevin Carr – Team Leader Payments, Income and Support
Mrs Maureen Clayton – Team Assistant Assessment & Award Manager
Miss Jill Crozier – Team Leader Assessment and Awards
Mr Mark Dobson – Senior Officer (Assessment & Awards)
Mr Mark Ellison – Senior Officer Payments, Income, Support
Mrs Denise Fairlamb – Team Leader Assessment & Awards Manager
Mr Andrew Hall – Team Leader Assessment and Awards
Mr John Naylor – Principle Business Rates Officer
Mr David Punshon – Senior Officer Payments, Income, Support
Mrs Tracey Robinson – Team Leader Assessment and Awards
Mrs Tracey Smith – Assessment and Awards Officer
Mrs Michelle Smithson – Team Leader Payments, Income and Support
Mrs Alison Wayman – Senior Officer Assessment and Awards
Mrs Julie Thomson – Assistant Payments, Income & Support Manager

Mrs Michelle Waters – Payments, Income and Support Manager
 Miss Caroline Roberts – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mrs Victoria Nelson – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mr Charles Phillip Wright – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mr Christopher Pattinson – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mr Craig Hunt – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mr Phillip Howard – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mrs Samantha Lloyd – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mrs Natalie Lee – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mrs Chloe Leavy – Enforcement and Insolvency Officer
 Mrs Amanda Pearn – Technical & Support Officer
 Mr Barry Robson – Technical & Support Officer
 Mrs Linda Hanson – Technical & Support Officer
 Mrs Michelle Greenwell – Technical & Support Officer
 Mr Paul Stokes – Technical & Support Officer
 Mrs Victoria Ward – Technical & Support Officer
 Mrs Fallon Dunleavy – Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mrs Suzanne Throne – Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mr Tim Head – Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mrs Carrie Cuthbertson – Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mrs Kerry Watson – Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mr David Bird - Senior Officer Assessment & Awards
 Mrs Sharon Carpenter - Senior Officer Payments, Income, Support

- 4 To authorise the following named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court pursuant to Section 223, Local Government Act 1972 for the prosecution of corporate fraud.

Mrs Sally Foreman – Corporate Fraud Investigator
 Mr Steven Graham – Corporate Fraud Officer
 Ms Michelle Holt – Corporate Fraud Investigator
 Mrs Diane Stephenson – Corporate Fraud Investigator
 Mr Geoffrey Watson – Corporate Fraud Investigator

Background papers

- 5 None.

Recommendations and reasons

- 6 To authorise named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court pursuant to Section 223, Local Government Act 1972 in order to collect and recover Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates, Business District Improvement Levy and Sundry Debt.
- 7 To authorise named officers to appear on behalf of the Council in legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court pursuant to Section 223, Local Government Act 1972 for the prosecution of corporate fraud.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None specific within this report

Staffing – None specific within this report

Risk – None specific within this report

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - None specific within this report

Accommodation – None specific within this report

Crime and Disorder – The authorisation of officers is necessary in order for the Local Authority to continue carrying out its duties.

Human Rights – None specific within this report

Consultation – None specific within this report

Procurement – None specific within this report

Disability issues – None specific within this report

Legal Implications – If officers are not properly authorised to attend Court this could result in a legal challenge in legal proceedings.

