SCHEME OF DELEGATION/ CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The purpose of the report to agree the scheme of delegation.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree that no changes are made to the scheme of delegation for which the Council has responsibility.

2.2 To agree that the Director of Resources be authorised to appoint an interim Deputy Statutory Finance Officer to cover a period of planned absence.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To undertake this annual review in accordance with the Council’s Constitution.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To make changes to the scheme of delegation relating to the Council functions, although this is not recommended.

4.0 Council priority:

4.1 The review of the Scheme of delegation will help the Council achieve all its priorities.
5.0 **Background Information**

5.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Executive ceased to be a committee of the Council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 and the functions assigned to the Executive are for the Leader of the Council to delegate. The Council’s non-executive functions and scheme of delegation are for the Council itself to delegate. There are no proposed changes to the scheme of delegation.

5.2 Mr Redmond the Chief Accountant, who is also the Deputy Statutory Finance Officer is due to take a period of planned absence from work. Council is asked to delegate to the Director of Resources the authority to appoint an interim Deputy Statutory Finance Officer for the relevant period of time.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**List of Appendices:**

None.

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 The Council's Constitution (Procedure Rule 2.2 of Part 4 of the Constitution) requires the Annual meeting to consider changes (if any) to the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the constitution determines it is for the Council to agree. The current scheme of delegation is set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions).

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 There are no financial considerations.

10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 There are no risk management considerations.
11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 No further consultation has taken place with this item.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.