

report



meeting **COUNTY COUNCIL**

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agenda item number

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Amendments to the Constitution

1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval to amendments to the Constitution required as a consequence of the Chief Executive's report on the new structures of the County Council which came before Council meetings on 19th January 2006 6th April 2006 and the Chief Executives decision of 26th May 2006 (reference RE/2006/00120).

2. Changes proposed

- 2.1.** The recruitment process for Strategic Directors has now been completed and appointments made to all these posts. Accordingly changes to the officer scheme of delegation in the Constitution are required.
- 2.2.** Set out at **Appendix A** are the changes required to the Constitution to give effect to the proposals in the Chief Executive's reports relating to the appointment of the Strategic Directors in the new departmental structures in the County Council.
- 2.3.** Further changes will be required to the Constitution as and when the delegations to the Service Directors are to take effect.
- 2.4.** Because certain interim measures may be required authority is sought for the Monitoring Officer to make such further changes as may be required to give effect to the new departmental structures of the County Council.
- 2.5.** There will be a number of changes required throughout the Constitution to change post designations i.e. name changes, and this report proposes

that the Monitoring Officer is authorised to make such changes.

2.6. Copies of the amendments to the Constitution will be made to the County Council's public website and intranet versions of the Constitution.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

5.1 That the County Council approves the amendments to the Constitution as set out at **Appendix A** with immediate effect and delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any further changes as may in her opinion be properly and reasonably required to give effect to the new Strategic Director posts necessary to ensure the lawful operation of the County Council's business and the proper maintenance of the Constitution.

Legal Services Comments

Council meeting has the constitutional delegation to approve the recommendations in this report [EB 10.07.06]

Director of Resources Comments

There are no direct financial implications arising from the proposals. [AS 11.07.06]

Background Papers

Nil.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All