

**OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL****AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – THE EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS****KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

The Leader has agreed two changes to Section 8 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation. In accordance with Articles 5.02 and 6.04(d)(ii) of the Council's Constitution, the changes made by the Leader are being reported to Council.

BACKGROUND:

1. The Leader is responsible for maintaining a list in Part 3 of the Constitution setting out who will exercise executive functions. Any changes to this list are required to be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the County Council.
2. The current Scheme of Delegation includes at paragraphs 8.6 to 8.8 the terms of reference for the Fire and Rescue Services Regional Management Board (RMB). The RMB is no longer in existence and there is no formal regional body to take its place. The Leader has therefore agreed to delete the section on the RMB from the Scheme of Delegation. Members will note that the County Council remains the Fire Authority for Surrey and the dissolution of the RMB has not resulted in any changes in its responsibilities.
3. In addition, the Leader has agreed to delegate the following additional executive function to individual Cabinet Members:
 - (1) agreement of the In Year Fair Access Protocol.
4. The change to executive functions has been reflected in Table 2 of paragraph 8.2 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation by the addition of point (a2). The revised Table 2 is attached at Annex 1.
5. These changes to the Council's Scheme of Delegation are being reported to Council for information in accordance with Articles 5.02 and 6.04(d)(ii) of the Council's Constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to the deletion of the reference to the Fire and Rescue Services Regional Management Board and to the agreement of the In Year Fair Access Protocol agreed by the Leader as detailed above be noted.

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Sources/background papers:

The Council's Constitution
Minutes of the South East Fire and Rescue Services Regional Management Board, 6 October 2010
Email correspondence
