

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

The Leader has agreed one change to Section 2, paragraph 7 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 Leader has agreed to delegate the following additional executive functions to local committees in relation to youth services:
  - i. Approval of local prevention framework priorities for the relevant borough or district area after consideration of any local needs assessment;
  - ii. Approval of the award of contracts for the provision of local preventive services for the relevant borough or district area in accordance with the allocated budget and to providers included in the Council's framework agreement for these services;
  - iii. Approval of the award of small grants to meet needs identified in the local needs assessment for the relevant borough or district area in accordance with the allocated budget;
  - iv. Review the impact of interventions delivered by providers against the identified local prevention framework priorities
3. The change to executive functions will be reflected in paragraph 7.2 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation by expanding point (iv). The revised paragraphs 7-7.3 (Local Committees) are attached as appendix 1 for information.

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.

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
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It is recommended that the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation in relation to youth services agreed by the Leader as detailed above be noted.

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**Sources/background papers:**

The Council's Constitution  
Email correspondence

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## 7 LOCAL COMMITTEES

### 7.1 Membership

Between 5 and 10 county councillors depending upon the number of electoral divisions within each district/borough area and an equal number of co-opted district/borough councillors with voting rights in relation only to transportation, rights of way and highway matters.

### 7.2 Executive Functions of Local Committees

Local committees will be responsible for the following:

a) Decisions relating to wellbeing powers

The County Council members of local committees may take decisions in response to local needs, within the County Council's power of wellbeing and in accordance with the financial framework and policies of the County Council up to a maximum sum per County Council Member, which will be determined annually as part of the budget process.

b) Decisions on local services and budgets

In relation to the District or Borough they serve each local committee will take decisions delegated to them by the Leader and/or Cabinet on the following local services and budgets, within a framework of agreed performance and resources:

- (i) Hours of opening for local libraries
- (ii) Community safety funding that is delegated to the Local Committee.

*(Note: Funding which is ring-fenced for the use of the crime and disorder partnerships subject to DA outreach being provided, is not for Local Committee decision).*

- (iii) Decisions on delegated highway capital and revenue budgets for minor highway improvements, highway maintenance, on street parking, subject to a **minimum** charge for permits for controlled parking zones of £50.00 per annum per vehicle, transport initiatives, road safety matters of local concern, and traffic management matters (to include Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) providing that where significant objections are maintained to made TROs the Group Manager in consultation with the Divisional Member and the Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman shall decide whether the TRO may be confirmed and shall subsequently report that decision to the Committee).

- (iv) In relation to youth services:
  - a. Approval of the annual Youth Development Service Plan.
  - b. Approval of local prevention framework priorities for the relevant borough or district area after consideration of any local needs assessment.
  - c. Approval of the award of contracts for the provision of local preventive services for the relevant borough or district area in accordance with the allocated budget and to providers included in the Council's framework agreement for these services.
  - d. Approval of the award of small grants to meet needs identified in the local needs assessment for the relevant borough or district area in accordance with the allocated budget.
  - e. Review the impact of interventions delivered by providers against the identified local prevention framework priorities.

c) The Local Committees will:

- (i) Monitor the decisions of officers taken in consultation with local members on the work of the community highway officers, highway gangs and responses to applications for HGV licences.
- (ii) Monitor the quality of services provided locally, and recommend action as appropriate.
- (iii) Engage in issues of concern to local people and seek to influence the County Council, the Leader and Cabinet in relation to county-wide services and plans in the light of local needs.
- (iv) Comment on priority area work undertaken within the committee's area by county services and partners.
- (v) Receive and comment on the district-based sustainable community strategies and related Local Development Framework.
- (vi) Receive reports on development -related highway improvements within their area.
- (vii) Comment on the design of major highway improvements either wholly or partly in their area.
- (viii) Comment on movement proposals contained within district local plans, community transport schemes, and movement and feasibility studies.

7.3 Local committees will deal with all those non-executive functions relating to public rights of way set out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, as amended, except for those separately referred to in the Scheme of Delegation (or within the terms of reference of other Committees).

*(Note: A local committee may not make any decision which will have an adverse effect on a part of the county for which it does not have functions).*