



TITLE: EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

TO/ON: FULL COUNCIL 30TH MARCH 2005

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LEAD MEMBER: DAVID HANCOCK

STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the intended timetable for adoption of new Executive Arrangements for the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree the Project Plan for the move to new Governance Arrangements.

3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 Council at its meeting on the 9th February 2005, at Minute 149, resolved, "That the Council is minded to move to permanent Executive Arrangements and that a report be brought to a future Council meeting setting out an Action Plan with a view to implementing permanent Executive Arrangements and that the Council continues with its Pilot Executive Arrangements until the Council is able to move to a permanent arrangement".
- 3.2 Since the Council meeting Officers have met with Officers from the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and have spoken with Officers from Cotswold District Council who are the only Council in the country who have in the last two years moved from alternative arrangements to a Leader and Cabinet Model arrangement.
- 3.3 In light of those discussions an Action Plan has been prepared and this is attached at Appendix 1.

4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

4.1 FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1.1 £40,000 has been identified in the budget in respect of this exercise.

4.2 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.2.1 It will be noted from the Action Plan that the new proposals will be drawn up following meetings with all Members of the Council and that further Member Training will be given in respect of any new Governance arrangements that are adopted.

4.3 HUMAN RESOURCES

- 4.3.1 It will be noted from the Action Plan that the period of time has been set aside for training officers in respect of any new Governance arrangements.

4.4 ANY OTHER RELEVANT CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 4.4.1 None.

5. RISK

- 5.1 There is a risk that the consultation process may highlight that residents of the Borough want a different Governance arrangement to the preferred option of the Council.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

- 6.1 The Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Regulations need to be adhered to in the move to any new form of Governance arrangements.

7. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT

- 7.1 The consultation exercise should ensure that all sectors of the Council's community are consulted.

8. WARDS AFFECTED

- 8.1 All.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 Mr. Steve Roman, District Youth and Community Office,
Mr. Peter Jordan, Groundwork Rossendale,
Mr. S. Lingard, Lancashire Partnerships Advisor,
Mr. Ronnie Barker, E.Sutton & Son Ltd.,
Ch. Insp. Kevin Boyce, Police Station,
Mr. Michael Damms, East Lancs Chamber of Commerce,
Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell,
Ch. Supt. J. Graham, Lancashire Police,
Mrs. Nancy Cookson, Accrington and Rossendale College,
Ms. Sandra Whyte, Learning and Skills Council,
County Councillor Hazel Harding,
Mr. John Calway, Kingfisher Centre,

Mr. David Peat, Chief Executive,
Acting Station Officer Neil Ashworth,
Mr. P. S. Watson, Chief Executive,
Mr. S. Barnes, Chief Executive,
Dr. G. Taylor, Chief Executive,
Mr. D. Welsby, Managing Director,
Mr. C. Trinick, Chief Executive,
Mr. D. Morris, Chief Executive,

Background documents: results of consultation from – Burnley Borough Council,
Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Dorothy Mitchell,
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Primary Care Trust.

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