

Subject: Lancashire Local - Rossendale **Status:** For Publication

Report to: Council

Date: 7th November 2007

Report of: The Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Well Managed Council

Key Decision:

No

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request Members formally to adopt the Constitution of Lancashire Local – Rossendale.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.

- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
- Delivering Regeneration across the Borough (Economy, Housing)
- Keeping our Borough Clean and Green (Environment)
- Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live and visit (Economy)
- Improving health and well being across the Borough (Health, Housing)
- Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- Lancashire Local – Rossendale provides an opportunity for joint working in relation to delivery of local government services. A potential risk to not engaging would be a failure to maximise the impact of joint working and not achieving the best possible outcomes for local people.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 At its meeting on 23rd February 2006 the Council supported the Lancashire Local – Rossendale on a joint committee model which enables County Council and District Council functions to be discharged jointly within the area of the Committee; to date Rossendale Borough Council has not delegated any functions to the Lancashire Local - Rossendale.
- 4.2 A request has been received for Lancashire County Council that the Constitution of the Lancashire Local (attached) should be formally adopted by Rossendale Borough Council as part of its Constitution.
- 4.3 Not to adopt the Constitution, but this would leave the Council open to a possible legal challenge.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY SERVICES

- 6.1 The Council has already decided that the Lancashire Local – Rossendale should be a Joint Committee.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 There are no specific human resources implications.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 That the Constitution of the Lancashire Local – Rossendale be formally adopted by the Council.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That the Council formally adopt the Constitution of the Lancashire Local – Rossendale with immediate effect.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Senior Officers

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
The Constitution of Lancashire Local	Room 220, Futures Park, Bacup