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Full Council

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**Report of:** Executive Director - Business

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**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Finance and Resources

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**Key Decision:** No – matter for Full Council

Forward Plan       General Exception       Special Urgency

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request Members formally to adopt the Constitution of Lancashire Local – Rossendale as amended following the consultation considered by the Cabinet in October 2008.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- 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. A further risk of not adopting the new Lancashire Local constitution is that the Lancashire Local will be unable to respond to emerging local and national policy.

#### **4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1 In October Cabinet considered a consultation by the County Council to see whether there was scope for expanding the remit of the Lancashire Locals and developing the model further.
- 4.2 A request has been received from Lancashire County Council that the Council considers the amendments to the Constitution of the Lancashire Local (attached) and that these should be formally adopted by Rossendale Borough Council as part of its Constitution.
- 4.3 The Constitutions highlight new/revised wording in bold and italics for ease of reference.

In short, the main additions/changes are:-

- The inclusion of the Lancashire Young People's service including;
    - determination of the annual outcomes expected by each district delivery plan
    - determination of the resource allocation to each element of the service
    - recommending proposals for the deployment of Playbuilders Funding
    - monitoring the delivery of the annual district delivery plan
  - Powers to approve highways gating orders and determination of the construction of cycle tracks in the place of footways.
  - Approval and monitoring the proposals and priorities of the County's Corporate Face to Face Strategy.
  - A new provision allowing additions to be made to the powers of the Lancashire local on an ongoing basis,
  - Greater flexibility for each Lancashire Local to decide how and when to engage members of the public in their meetings.
  - Inclusion of the protocols for engaging young people and parish and town councils as part of the constitution
- 4.4 The other significant difference in the new constitution is its emphasis on local priorities and aspirations and the need to strengthen links with district based partnerships such as LSPs.

#### **5. COMMENTS OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

- 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 amendments to the Constitution of the Lancashire Local – Rossendale be formally adopted by the Council.

**9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

9.1 That Full Council be recommended to formally adopt the Constitution of the Lancashire Local – Rossendale as amended with immediate effect.

9.2 That clarification from the County Council be sought in relation to how the LSP and Lancashire Local will agree matters to ensure that there is no duplication.

**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	website