



COUNCIL, 29 JANUARY 2014

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

JOINT COMMITTEE – CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Governance Committee at its meeting on 15 January was invited to consider amendments required to the Constitution, predominately to the scheme of delegation to officers, consequent on the Council's decision to create a Joint Committee with the London Borough of Newham for the delivery of back office/support services for the Council. The only new power is one to the Chief Executive to delegate functions to staff employed by London Borough of Newham.

This confirmed the Council's agreement at its meeting on the 27 November to the formation of a Joint Committee with London Borough of Newham and to delegate to it the provision of various back office/support functions of the Council which are currently directly provided by the Council

As the Governance Committee accepted the principle of this delegation of authority, the final allocation will be handled by the Monitoring Officer using his delegated powers to amend the Constitution to reflect organisational changes, as he will have to do elsewhere in the Constitution.

The Governance Committee accordingly recommends to Council that:

1. The function and powers set out in Appendix 1 of this report be delegated from the 1 April 2014 to the Joint Committee and the relevant senior officers within the shared services organisation.
2. Consequentially the Council's Constitution be amended from the 1 April 2014 as set out in Appendices 2 and 3.
3. The following power be delegated to the Chief Executive
 - “(h) To exercise the power to enter into agreement with other local authorities for the placing of the services of officers from one local authority, at the disposal of the other in accordance with Section 113, Local Government Act 1972 as amended”.
4. Council agrees the principle that Proper Officer functions should be transferred to the relevant senior officer in the new shared back office structure and notes that the final allocation will be made by the Monitoring Officer under existing delegated powers.