

# CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF:** CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY  
**DATE:** 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017  
**REPORT OF:** DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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**SUBJECT:** CHANGES TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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## Purpose of Report

1. To confirm the impending arrangements for the provision of financial advice to the Authority.
2. To secure approval to changes to the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation.

## Recommended: That Members

- [1] Note the arrangements for the provision of financial advice to the Authority;
- [2] Approve the changes to the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation (attached as appendix 1 to the report); and
- [3] Allow the Director of Governance and Commissioning to make such changes to the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation as are necessary to allow the efficient operation of the new arrangement for the provision of financial advice to the Authority.

## Background

3. The scope of the Blue Light Collaboration programme did not include the role of Treasurer (Section 151 Officer): it was always the intention of the Authority to retain this role.
4. The departure of the former Head of Finance, who had also fulfilled the Treasurer (Section 151 Officer) role led to the creation of a joint Head of Finance role ahead of the transfer of staff to form the joint finance team.

## Information

5. Following a successful recruitment process the Authority will shortly have a part-time Treasurer (Section 151 Officer) in post, whilst continuing to have its finance team managed by the joint Head of Finance.
6. The joint Head of Finance and Director of Governance and Commissioning have considered how the separate roles will function (indeed this was

necessary in order to recruit to the role of Treasurer (Section 151 Officer)). This led to changes to the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation.

7. Whilst reviewing the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation some other aspects were found to require updating to reflect changes to the Service Management Team structure and responsibilities.
8. The changes are tracked for ease of reference.

### **Financial Implications**

9. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Legal Implications**

10. The Authority is required to ensure that its Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation are reviewed and updated to reflect any changes to the Service's structure and responsibilities.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

11. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **Environmental Implications**

12. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**