

# **CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY**

**MEETING OF:** GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019  
**REPORT OF:** DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING  
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**SUBJECT:** SCHEME OF DELEGATION - ASSISTANT CHIEF  
FIRE OFFICERS AND TREASURER / HEAD OF  
FINANCE

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## **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with details of changes that need to be made to the Scheme of Delegation.

## **Recommended: That**

- [1] Members note the changes
- [2] Members approve the amendments and recommend approval of the revised Scheme of Delegation to the Fire Authority

## **Background**

2. On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the Fire Authority approved a new Brigade Management structure. Under the new structure the Deputy Chief Fire Officer role has been removed and two Assistant Chief Fire Officers posts have been created.
3. The Scheme of Delegation needs to be changed to reflect the new Brigade Management structure.
4. As part of the Blue Light Collaboration Programme a joint finance team was created to deliver services to fire and police. The role of Treasurer (Section 151 Officer) was excluded from the Programme. A part time Treasurer role was created and filled.
5. The Scheme of Delegation needs to reflect the separation of these two roles and to clarify the respective responsibilities of the Treasurer and Head of Finance.

## **Information**

6. The Scheme of Delegation has been amended to remove the role of Deputy Chief Fire Officer. The responsibilities have largely been assigned to the Assistant Chief Fire Officers.
7. The amended extract from the Scheme of Delegation is attached as Appendix 1.
8. The Scheme of Delegation has been amended to reflect the separation of the finance roles as a result of Blue Light Collaboration and the duties and responsibilities of each post.
9. The amended extract from the Scheme of Delegation is attached as Appendix 2.
10. The Scheme of Delegation will need to be further amended in due course.

## **Financial Implications**

11. There are no financial implications.

## **Legal Implications**

12. The Scheme of Delegation sets out the powers of officers and forms part of the Authority's Constitution. The powers of officers are delegated to them by the Authority under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.
13. The Scheme of Delegation must be amended to reflect any changes to the management structure to ensure that officers have the relevant powers.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

14. There are none.

## **Environmental Implications**

15. There are none.

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