

APPENDIX E – SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

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Section 41(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

- (e) Signing on behalf of the Council to certify a contract under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997;
- (f) The functions of the Monitoring Officer under sections 5 and 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 or other legislation relating to Local Government and Regulations made under the above;
- (g) Determining whether the public interest requires information to be treated as "exempt information" in any report or related background paper and whether any meeting of the Council or a Council body is likely not to be open to the public because of the risk of disclosure of confidential or exempt information or the advice of a political assistant under Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000-2006 (Access to Information);
- (h) Determining whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption of information, or the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in relation to any request for information, or to any internal review after the refusal of a request, under section 2 and Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
- (i) Being the "qualified person" to form a reasonable opinion as to whether disclosure of information would be likely to inhibit the free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views or would be likely otherwise to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs under section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;

1.5 **Head of Local Democracy and Member Services**

The Head of Local Democracy and Member Services is appointed Proper Officer and specified officer in relation to:

- (a) Those proper officer functions relating to access to information not delegated to the Head of Legal Services above under Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000-2006;
- (b) Section 191 of the Local Government Act 1972 (providing information to assist the Ordnance Survey);
- (c) Sections 225 and 229 and Schedule 14, Part II, Paragraph 25 (7) of the Local Government Act 1972, and Section 41(1) of the Local

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Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (custody of, and certifying, documents);

- (d) Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (the officer who will act as Deputy to the Electoral Registration Officer in the event of the latter's incapacity or a vacancy arising);
- (e) Section 2(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Maintenance of the list of politically restricted posts);

In addition the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services is empowered:

- (f) To determine the appointment of outside members to the "pool" from which the membership of School Admissions Appeals Panels and School Exclusions Appeals Panels are drawn;
- (g) To determine the membership of individual Appeals Panels (under (f) above) and the selection of Chairs of these Panels;
- (h) To make appointments of representative School Governors as notified by the Executive Member for Education or the Opposition Spokesperson, as appropriate; *
- (i) To make appointments to vacancies on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education and Conference Committees;
- (j) To make appointments to the membership of Special Licensing Sub-Committees from among the Members of the Regulatory Committee; *
- (k) To appoint an additional Member or Members to any scheduled meeting of a Licensing Sub-Committee from among the Members of the Regulatory Committee whenever the appointment of a substitute Member under the Committee Procedure Rules (Part 4, Section B) would be impracticable and the meeting would otherwise be inquorate; *
- (l) The exercise of the delegated powers in (j) and (k) above shall be, so far as practicable, in consultation with the Chair of the Regulatory Committee and the Chief Whip of each Group and with a view to achieving political balance in the membership of Licensing Sub-Committees. *
- (m) To appoint the membership of Assessment Sub-Committees, Review Sub-Committees and Hearing Sub-Committees in accordance with the relevant Regulations (S. I. 2008/1085 and any amendment) and the decisions of the Standards Committee and in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer. *