

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20 April 2010

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.1 Legal Implications

1.1.1 Members will recall that on 18 February 2010 it was resolved to enter into a partnership arrangement with Sevenoaks District Council to share the Legal Services Manager (or such title as shall be agreed) for an initial 3 year period from 1 March 2010.

1.1.2 The shared post (now agreed to be titled Legal Services Partnership Manager) has responsibility for all of the powers and duties previously undertaken by the Chief Solicitor. Changes to the Council's Constitution are therefore required to reflect the change in title of the former Chief Solicitor post, in order that the Legal Services Partnership Manager can exercise all of the powers and duties relevant to his post.

1.1.3 These changes can only be made following a report of the Monitoring Officer to the Council. I therefore recommend that all references within the Constitution to the Chief Solicitor shall be amended to Legal Services Partnership Manager.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 None

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable

1.4 Recommendations

1.4.1 The Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to give effect to the changes set out in paragraph 1.1.3 above.

Background papers:

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Nil

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