

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL TO JOIN LGSS SHARED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP**

*To:* **Constitution and Ethics Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **4th February 2016**

*From:* **LGSS Director of Law, Property & Governance and  
Monitoring Officer**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Purpose:* **The Committee is asked to consider the new scheme of  
delegation for the LGSS Joint Committee for inclusion in  
the Council's Constitution.**

*Recommendation:* **The Constitution and Ethics Committee is invited to:**  
  
**recommend the new scheme of delegation for the  
LGSS Joint Committee, for inclusion in the  
Council's Constitution, to full Council on 22nd  
March 2016.**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 LGSS and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) have been working together to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) for MKC to join the LGSS shared services partnership.
- 1.2 This followed a decision by MKC cabinet in October 2015 to give approval for the completion of an OBC for MKC to join LGSS as a full Joint Committee partner, which has been followed by a period of detailed discussions, including workshops between Heads of Service and Directors from both organisations, to inform the contents of the OBC.
- 1.3 The medium-term financial plans of LGSS (and therefore both Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)) include assumptions regarding income targets from 'trading' or new shared services arrangements with other authorities.
- 1.4 If approved, final arrangements for MKC to join the LGSS Joint Committee would require the approval of full council from CCC, NCC and MKC, as this would include the amendment of the existing Partnering and Delegation Agreement between CCC and NCC which set up the LGSS Joint Committee. A report recommending that CCC approve the proposal for MKC to become a full partner of LGSS in line with the OBC will be presented to full Council on 22 March 2016.
- 1.5 Based on the OBC, General Purposes Committee (GPC) approved the proposal for MKC to join LGSS shared services. GPC has also along with NCC and MKC's Cabinets given approval to delegate to the LGSS Managing Director in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of the LGSS Joint Committee, authorisation to negotiate and agree, subject to appropriate terms:
  - a. the provision of services to MKC, under the auspices of the LGSS Joint Committee and the terms and conditions under which the Partnering and Delegation Agreement (PDA) will operate;
  - b. any changes to the staffing structures necessary or incidental to the implementation of the service delivery; and
  - c. to prepare, approve and complete any necessary legal documentation, including a proposal for amendments to the current PDA between CCC and NCC relating to the setup of LGSS (and any resulting changes to the constitutions of CCC and NCC). This proposal will be brought to CCC and NCC Full Council for approval.

## **2. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

- 2.1 Democratic Services Managers at CCC and NCC, with some guidance from the Director of Law, Property & Governance, have been working on the new format to create a single scheme of delegation for the LGSS Joint Committee encompassing and where possible combining the schemes of delegation from partner councils to the Joint Committee.

- 2.2 The single scheme of delegation for the LGSS Joint Committee is currently out for consultation. A draft will be circulated to the Constitution and Ethics Committee on Monday 2 February 2016 for consideration at its meeting on 4 February 2016. The Committee will be asked to recommend this new scheme of delegation for the Joint Committee for inclusion in the Council's Constitution to full Council on 22nd March 2016.

Source Documents	Location
Minutes of General Purposes Committee 14th January 2016	<a href="http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1095">http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1095</a>