

Audit Committee – Date 14 June 2010

Annual Report on the exercise of delegated powers – Chief Finance Officer

Summary of report

Annual report on any significant decisions, including key decisions taken under delegated powers by the Chief Officer, (or other post holders within his/her directorate) in the financial year 2009/10.

Reason for scrutiny

The Councils constitution is explicit in that all Chief officers must submit an annual report to the audit committee setting out the significant decisions, including key decisions taken under delegated powers by the chief officer (or other post holder within his/her directorate) in the previous year.

The report should summarise the manner of which some or all of such delegated powers have been exercised. Each chief officer exercising delegated powers shall be responsible for recording decisions taken.

A significant decision for this purpose is also defined within the constitution as having one of the following impacts

- a) it has a considerable direct and material impact upon the lives of the inhabitants of the borough or business operating within it, or
- b) Results in the Council incurring expenditure for which there is no revenue or capital budget.

Any member may request that decisions taken by officers under delegated powers be the subject of scrutiny by the appropriate scrutiny panel

Recommendation

1. To note the report.
2. To note that no significant decision have been taken by the Chief Financial Officer under delegated powers, as set out in appendix 1.
3. To note that a file on decisions taken that fall outside of the reporting requirements, set out in the constitution 3.5.3.1, is also available for inspection by members in the chief finance officers room.

Resource and legal considerations

None directly resulting from this report

Governance issues / Citizen impact

Walsall Council believes that it is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted to the highest ethical and legal standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. In discharging this accountability Members and officers are responsible for putting in place proper

arrangements for the governance of Walsall Council's affairs and the stewardship of the resources at its disposal.

Environment impact

None directly from this report

Performance and risk management issues

Openness is a prerequisite if stakeholders are to have confidence in the decision-making and management processes of the Council. The annual reporting of chief officers' decisions shows that commitment.

Equality implications**Consultation**

Monitoring officer

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