

## **Annual Meeting of the Council – 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007**

### **Report of the Director of Law and Property**

#### **Constitution and Scheme of Delegation**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek the Council's affirmation of the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation for the 2007/08 municipal year.

##### **Background**

2. The Council's Constitution prescribes that the Scheme of Delegation shall be agreed at the Annual Meeting.
3. The Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, was first approved at the meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2002. The Council has approved a number of amendments to the Constitution since then.
4. As the Council's Monitoring Officer, I maintain an up to date version of the Constitution and ensure that it is widely available for consultation by members, staff and the public. All previously approved amendments have been incorporated into the Constitution and the document is available on the Council's Internet website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk).
5. A full copy of the Constitution is available for inspection in the Member's Room and from the Democratic Services Section (Tel: 01384 815235).

##### **Finance**

6. The financial implications arising from the adoption and maintenance of the Council's Constitution are met from within existing resources.

##### **Law**

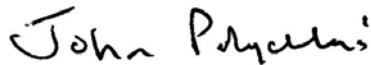
7. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

### **Equality Impact**

8. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. The Council's Constitution sets out the arrangements made by the Council for the proper discharge of all of its powers, duties and functions, including those relating to equality and diversity and in respect of children and young people.

### **Recommendations**

9. That the Constitution and Scheme of Delegation be reaffirmed for the 2007/08 municipal year.
10. That the Director of Law and Property be authorised to make any necessary and consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the decisions made at this annual meeting of the Council.



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**Director of Law and Property**

### **Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution.