

**CABINET 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

**REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REMODELLING OF COUNCIL SERVICES**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report outlines progress towards the creation of the new Adult and Childrens' Services Directorates and seeks endorsement of the overall project Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Cabinet have previously endorsed the creation of new Directorates to replace Education and Lifelong Learning and Social Services and the centralisation of Personnel and Training and Marketing and Communications Services.
3. An outline project plan is attached for information as to the issues and trends under discussion.
4. Members will be aware of the transfer to the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services of the functions of the now retired Director of Housing Services on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 with the exception of the Housing Call Centre now being merged with the Dudley Council Plus operation.
5. In view of the imminence of CPA and JAR Inspections members have previously wished to see other management transfers timed for the period April-July 2006. An exception has had to be made for the Children's' and Families Divisions which was transferred from Social Services to Children's' Services with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 to enable it to participate more effectively in preparations for the JAR.
6. The current issues for decision are set out below.
7. Cabinet previously expressed a preference that adult education form part of the new Adult, Community and Housing Services Directorate. It is suggested that Adult Education be co-managed in future as part of the existing division for Libraries and Information. The expanded division would thus be Adult Learning, Libraries and Information.

## **FINANCE**

8. There are currently no financial implications arising from this report.

## **LAW**

9. Section III of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do any thing that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of its various functions.

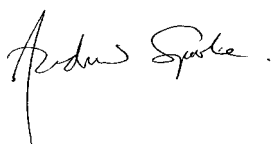
## **EQUALITY IMPACT**

10. No adverse impacts are likely to any particular section of the communities of the Borough.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. It is recommended that:-

- a. The creation of a division for Adult Learning, Libraries and Information to be located in Adult, Community and Housing Services be approved.
- b. The content of the outline project plan be noted.



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Background papers  
None

## APPENDIX

### REMODELLING COUNCIL SERVICES

#### OUTLINE PROJECT PLAN

A. Detailed Project Plans to be prepared:

- Children's' Services
- Adult, Community and Housing Services
- Business and Administrative Support to new Directorate
- Personnel and Training
- Marketing and Communications

B. Governance arrangements:

- Project Core Group comprising Chief Executive and 2 Directors
- Link to Cabinet members for steer and to Cabinet for formal decisions
- Business Support Group comprising S. Freeman, H. Jackson, B. Meade and R. Watson.

C. Budget disaggregation

- Chief Executive and Director of Finance for 2006/7.

D. Structure of Adult, Community and Housing Services to be fully implemented by July 2006

- Older People and Physical Disabilities
- Learning Disability and Mental Health
- Tenancy Services
- Building Services
- Private Sector Housing
- Adult Learning, Libraries and Information
- Policy and Business/Administrative Support

E. Initial Structure of Children's Services to be fully implemented by July 2006

- Children and Families
- SEN

- School Effectiveness
- Resources and Planning/Business Support

#### F. Service Transfers

- Adult Learning Libraries and Information 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006
- St Thomas's Network to be agreed
- Sheltered Housing to merge with  
Older People and Physical Disabilities to be agreed
- Catering and Cleansing for future consideration