

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	DEVOLVED SERVICES
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	Thursday 19 September 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	For Cabinet to agree the process of local management of services by town councils / city council (the local councils) through a programme of devolved services, outlining priority areas and related asset transfers.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p><b>the Director for Economy, Communities and Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Assets, Enterprise and Culture and relevant portfolio leads as appropriate, be authorised to conclude negotiations with the town councils and city council on priority areas for the first phase of devolved services within a three month period.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>A three month period of negotiations is suggested to enable opportunities and risks to be assessed by the town councils. This approach sets a time scale whilst giving local councils first opportunities on services and assets in accordance with existing powers to operate services. As part of a wider approach to devolved services if after the three month period negotiations are inconclusive opportunities for services management and asset transfer to be pursued with community groups or private sector where relevant.</p>
Options Considered:	<p>That the devolved services programme focuses on community asset transfer. This would create a concentrated effort on progressing capital transfer, but would limit the potential for increasing local delivery of services and for generating budget</p>

	efficiencies.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	27 September 2013

<p><b>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON</b> .....Date: 19 September 2013  <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

<p><b>To be completed by officer:</b></p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of General Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>This Decision was not called in</p>
<p>Was the decision modified?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>27 September 2013</p>