

CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS

Report By: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

1. To consider the proposed contractual and financial standing orders as a result of the recent review by Mr Ian Crookall.

Financial Implications

2. None

Background

3. Members of the committee will be aware that following an Independent Review by Mr Ian Crookall, ex Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council, in relation to contractual and financial matters, particularly within ICT Services, an action plan was agreed and part of that was to review the contractual and financial standing orders. This was also a matter subject of the Section 151 Officer's report to cabinet in September 2007.

4. The suggested amendments at Appendices 3, 4, and 5, to the constitution are set out. These have been in the main collated from Shropshire and Worcestershire County Council's own contractual and financial standing orders in order to avoid rehash and it is felt that it is workable.

5. Training will of course accompany these amendments for both officers and members of the authority to ensure that the process is embedded throughout the council. In addition an easy read guidance will be made available together with flowcharts of how the new processes will work.

6. Following the committee's observations the matter will be reported back to the Constitutional Review Working Group on the 23rd January 2008 incorporating any comments from the committee and also legal services.

Recommendations

THAT

the committee considers the suggested appendices 3, 4, and 5 and make comment with regard to clarification of definition or any matters contained within appendices 3, 4, and 5 which would replace the existing appendices 3, 4, and 5, within the constitution.

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Appendices 3. 4. and 5 of the Council’s Constitution.

Background Papers

None