

Report to: **Cabinet**

Date: **11 July 2006**

By: **Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources**

Title of report: **Authorised banking arrangements**

Purpose of report: **To agree revisions to the list of authorised signatures**

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is recommended to agree with immediate effect to change the list of officers authorised to sign cheques on the County Council's main bank accounts as set out in the report.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The Financial Regulation (A9) of the County Council authorises the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources to agree operational arrangements with our bankers and to operate accounts as he deems necessary. It also prescribes that cheques drawn on the County Council's main banking accounts are to bear the pre-printed signature of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources or to be signed by him or other officers authorised by the Cabinet. There are no direct financial consequences of changing the list of authorised officers.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Cabinet on 6 April 2004 agreed a revision to the Council's banking arrangements. The arrangements included a list of six officers who are authorised, in addition to the Director, to sign cheques drawn on the County Council's main banking accounts (County Fund, Payments Account and Salaries Account). The authorised officers were changed to

Deputy Director of Finance (Richard Hemsley)
Education Finance Manager (Greg Roberts)
Group Manager (Finance) (Steve Bostwick)
Financial Planning Manager (Steve Potts)
Group Manager (Finance) (Sarah Gobey)
Financial Development Manager (Neil Foley)

2.2 The Group Manager (Finance) (Sarah Gobey) has left the employment of the County Council and has been replaced by Rachel Hopkinson. The list below sets out the proposed officers along with their updated post titles.

Deputy Director of Corporate Resources (Richard Hemsley)
Head of Strategic Finance (Children's Services) (Greg Roberts)
Head of Corporate Finance (Steve Bostwick)
Financial Planning Manager (Steve Potts)
Group Manager (Financial Services) (Rachel Hopkinson)
Financial Development Manager (Neil Foley)

3. Conclusion and reason for recommendation

3.1 This report fulfils the requirement in Financial Regulations that the Cabinet has to approve the list of authorised officers to sign cheques drawn on the County Council's bank accounts. The Cabinet is recommended to agree the new authorisation list.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Cabinet 6 April 2004 Authorised Banking Arrangements
Financial Regulations of the County Council