

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKEFREE LEGISLATION

1. The Executive Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment drawing attention to the likely impact of the Health Act 2006 which introduced the legal framework to make enclosed workplaces and public spaces smoke free from 1 July 2007, and proposing measures to assist the enforcement of the legislation.
2. A copy of the Director's report to the 29 March 2007 meeting of the Executive Cabinet is attached so that Members are aware of all the relevant information on this topic before considering this report's recommendations.
3. We approved the Director's recommendation to appoint a temporary Smokefree Enforcement Officer to undertake enforcement work within the Council and to help ensure that the public buildings and places affected by the legislation are compliant with the new law. The cost of the temporary post will be funded by a £42,000 Government grant towards the Council's initial implementation and enforcement costs in 2007/08.

Recommendation

4. The Council is recommended to amend the Council's Constitution by (i) the addition of the implementation of appropriate provisions of the Health Act 2006 to the Council's functions outlined in Appendix 2; and (ii) the extension of the Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment's delegated powers to implement appropriate provisions of the Act, including the appointment of duly authorised Officers to undertake enforcement activity.

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There are no background papers to this report.