



## LEAD MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**DECISIONS** To be made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development, Keith Glazier

**MONDAY, 11 MAY 2015 AT 1.30 PM**

**CC1, COUNTY HALL, LEWES**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 28 April 2015 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests  
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 3 Urgent items  
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- 4 Delegations in respect of Executive Functions (*Pages 5 - 60*)  
Report by the Chief Executive
- 5 South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board  
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport – to follow
- 6 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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## LEADER AND LEAD CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DECISIONS made by the Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development, Councillor Keith Glazier on 28 April 2015 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillors Bentley, Elkin, Howson and Pursglove spoke on item 4 (see minute 31)

### 29. MINUTES

29.1 Councillor Glazier approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2015.

### 30. REPORTS

30.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

### 31. BETTER CARE FUND, SECTION 75 POOLED BUDGET AGREEMENT

31.1 Councillor Glazier considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health regarding delegations in relation to the implementation of a Better Care Fund Section 75 Pooled Budget.

#### DECISION

31.2 RESOLVED to (1) note and approve the process for establishing the Better Care Fund, Section 75 Pooled Budget for 2015/16 and beyond; and

(2) agree the Section 75 Pooled Budget arrangement as detailed in the report.

#### Reason

31.3 Regulations require a Section 75 Pooled Budget be established for 2015/16 onwards to provide the financial governance structure to support the delivery of Department of Health approved Better Care Fund outcomes.

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Report to: **Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development**

Date: **11 May 2015**

By: **Chief Executive**

Title of report: **Delegations in relation to Executive Functions**

Purpose of report: **To consider delegations in relation to executive functions to be reported to the County Council on 12 May 2015.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS: The Leader is recommended to:**

- (1) agree the delegation of Cabinet responsibilities and functions as set out in the Constitution including in Part 3 Table 1, 2 and 3 attached at Appendices 1 - 4;**
  - (2) agree the Officer Scheme of Delegation attached at Appendix 5; and**
  - (3) agree the annual report to the County Council**
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## **1 Background Information**

1.1 Part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Leader to present to the Council at the annual meeting a written record of delegations of executive functions made to Cabinet Members for inclusion in the Council's Scheme of Delegation at Part 3 of the Constitution. The document presented by the Leader must contain the following information regarding executive functions in the coming year:

- names of councillors appointed to the Cabinet
- the extent of any authority delegated to Cabinet Members individually as portfolio holders, including details of any limitation on their authority
- the appointment of one Cabinet Member as Deputy Leader
- the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet and such executive committees as the Leader appoints
- the nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to local committees
- the nature and extent of any delegation to officers with details of any limitation on that delegation, and the title of the officer or officers to whom the delegation is made

1.2 A copy of the report submitted to the Council at its annual meeting in May 2014 is attached at Appendix 1. Also attached are the Cabinet responsibilities and functions (Table 1 – Appendix 2), the responsibility for local choice functions (Table 2 – Appendix 3) and the responsibility for executive functions exercised by Cabinet Members (Table 3 – Appendix 4).

1.3 The Leader is asked to consider and make any amendments to his annual report on the delegations of executive functions (referred to at paragraph 1.1). This will be reported to the County Council on 12 May 2014.

## **2. Amendments to the scheme of delegations to officers**

2.1 The scheme of delegations to officers is set out at Appendix 5. It is recommended that you agree all the delegations to officers in relation to executive functions set out in that Appendix.

**BECKY SHAW**  
**Chief Executive**

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Local Member: All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: County Council Constitution

## Delegations approved by the Leader of the Council – 13 May 2014

(a) *names of the County Councillors appointed to the Cabinet*

The Cabinet comprises the following members

Portfolio	Appointment
Strategic Management and Economic Development	Councillor Keith Glazier
Resources	Councillor David Elkin
Community Services	Councillor Chris Dowling
Economy	Councillor Rupert Simmons
Transport and Environment	Councillor Carl Maynard
Adults Social Care	Councillor Bill Bentley
Children and Families (designated statutory Lead Member for Children's Services)	Councillor Sylvia Tidy
Learning and School Effectiveness	Councillor Nick Bennett

(b) *the extent of any authority delegated to cabinet members individually as portfolio holders is set out in the Constitution of the County Council and below.*

In overall terms the areas of responsibility for each portfolio holder includes the following (subject to any subsequent amendment by the Leader at his discretion) principal services to be interpreted broadly. In accordance with the wishes of the Leader, principle services are not to be construed restrictively. In the event of any doubt in connection to a decision made by a Lead Member, the Leader confirms that he has delegated full executive authority to that decision maker:

Portfolio	Scope
Strategic Management and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairing and managing the executive and its work</li> <li>• Overall strategy and policy for the Council</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications</li> <li>Economic Development/LEP</li> <li>Policy and Performance</li> <li>Public Health</li> <li>Equalities</li> <li>South East Seven Partnership</li> <li>Democratic Services</li> <li>all ancillary activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all corporate resources matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Financial Management Property asset management Risk management Procurement Internal audit ICT Personnel and Training Legal all ancillary activities</li> </ul>
Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all Community Services matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Archives and records Coroner services Libraries Registration Services Strategic Partnerships Culture Voluntary Sector all ancillary activities</li> </ul>
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all economic development and regeneration projects and all ancillary activities</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities Trading Standards</li> </ul>
Transport and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all Transport and Environmental matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Operational services Planning and developmental control Transport strategy and road safety Environmental and waste strategy Emergency Planning Gypsies and travellers all ancillary activities</li> </ul>



Adult Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all Adult Social Care and Community Safety matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Services for vulnerable adults including older people, learning disability, physical disability, mental health and all ancillary activities Community Safety</li> </ul>
Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall strategy and policy for all Children's Services (social care) matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Child protection and family support Fostering and adoption for children Residential care for children Other aspects of social care for children Special educational needs Youth justice Youth service all ancillary activities</li> </ul>
Learning and School Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and policy for all Children's Services (education) matters</li> <li>• Principal service area responsibilities: Quality and standards in educational establishments School admissions and transport Early years and childcare School organisation and place planning all ancillary activities</li> </ul>

(c) *appointment to the position of Deputy Leader*

Councillor Elkin to be appointed Deputy Leader of the County Council

(d) *the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet and any executive committees together with the names of cabinet members appointed to them*

Delegations to each of these positions will remain as currently set out in the Constitution of the Council

(e) *the nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to local committees*

There is no delegation of executive functions to local committees

(f) *the nature and extent of any delegation to officers*

The delegations of executive functions to Officers will be as set out in the Constitution. The delegations to Officers can be viewed via the following link: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/constitution/> or alternatively hard copies are available at County Hall, Lewes (please contact Andy Cottell – 01273 481955)

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Councillor Keith Glazier  
Leader of the Council

13 May 2014

**Table 1****Cabinet Responsibilities and Functions****Policy Co-ordination**

1. To advise the County Council on the:
  - formulation of its corporate objectives, priorities, standards, key tasks, performance indicators and strategy, including European affairs;
  - the overall direction, review and updating of the Council's Financial and Business Plan (the Council Plan), other statutory plans and longer term financial and other plans and strategies;
  - nature of and need for actions to be taken in the light of value for money studies and corporate policy reviews;
  - economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's activities and the need for new services and the necessity of existing ones;
  - overall organisation, co-ordination and management of the Council to ensure that it is designed to make the most effective contribution to the achievement of the Council's objectives;
  - Council's policy towards and representation on regional, national and international bodies;
  - policies for the promotion of the economic well-being of the County which do not erode the County's environmental capital or disadvantage the more vulnerable members of society, and to implement those policies within the guidelines set by the County Council; including co-ordination of the implementation of the County Council's economic strategy across all County Council services;
  - the priorities for all expenditure in the economic development budget;
  - ensure the County Council follows best practice in relation to its risk management arrangements.
2. To co-ordinate the work of the Council in bidding for Government challenge funding and European Union funding.
3. To devise and oversee implementation of the Council's strategy for communication both within the County and beyond.
4. To be responsible for allocating and controlling the financial, staff and land resources of the Council and to act as the corporate client. (The appointment of staff is not a Cabinet function).
5. To provide a focus for community leadership within East Sussex, promoting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the County.
6. To advise the Council on its policies and practices in relation to the impact of the Council's activities on the environment.

7. To advise on any other matters referred to it.

### **Resources**

#### *Finance*

8. To advise the County Council on the current and future in respect of both capital and revenue expenditure having regard to the Council's Financial and Business Plan and overall forward programme and their effects on the finances of the Council and on audit issues:
- discuss with the external auditor before the audit commences the nature and scope of the audit, and the external audit fee and consider whether the external audit is of sufficient depth and carried out competently;
  - discuss problems and reservations arising from the interim (systems) and final audits and any matters the external auditor may wish to discuss (in the absence of Directors if necessary);
  - review the external auditor's management letter and the conclusions of value for money studies and make recommendations to the County Council as appropriate;
  - review the internal audit programme, ensuring co-ordination between internal and external auditors, and that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Council and its paid service;
  - consider the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report and to report annually to the County Council on internal control within the Council.
9. To advise the County Council on the estimates of bodies which the Council is required to finance.
10. To exercise control over the Council's approved revenue and capital budgets and deal with requests for supplementary estimates, and to vire expenditure where this does not involve a significant change to an existing policy, or development of a new policy.
11. To supervise the borrowing of money authorised by the Council in accordance with the policy laid down by the County Council and to manage the County debt.
12. To exercise the powers and duties of the Council in respect of:
- insurance;
  - coast protection; and
  - debts and other obligations.

#### *Information Systems/Information Technology*

13. To advise upon and implement the County Council's IS/IT strategy.

14. To develop and keep under review corporate IS/IT systems.

*Property*

15. To approve the acquisition, appropriation and disposal of property, including the determination of the future use of all land and property where the current use is to cease.
16. To act as landlord for all property held by the Council, including the provision of office accommodation, accommodation for meetings and common services.
17. To keep under review:
- the land holdings of the Council and to consider future requirements to ensure the most economic and effective use of land in the interests of the Council as a whole;
  - land acquisition policies;
  - building and building maintenance policies.

This shall include ensuring regular corporate reviews and the setting and monitoring of corporate standards.

18. To exercise the powers and duties of the Council in all matters relating to Magistrates' Courts land and buildings.
19. To make compulsory purchase orders.
20. To exercise the powers and duties of the County Council under any enactment relating to smallholdings.
21. To manage and control all land.

**Community Services**

22. To exercise all the powers and duties of the Council in respect of:
- (a) the Public Library and information service;
  - (b) archives and records;
  - (c) museums and assistance for the Arts;
  - (d) the registration of births, deaths and marriages (but excluding the approval of premises for the solemnisation of marriages) and coroners services;

- (e) trading standards, consumer protection and other related matters for the protection of the public, including animal health (except as specifically delegated to the Regulatory Committee);
  - (f) sport, including joint use of sports facilities, (but excluding physical education and sport at educational establishments) and the development, in co-operation with the borough and district councils, of sport and recreation policies for the County as a whole;
  - (g) community safety;
  - (h) emergency planning and the local authority response to major emergencies;
  - (i) charities;
  - (j) gypsy caravan sites.
- 23.** To plan and seek to develop and maintain effective relationships with borough, district and town/parish councils and other public, independent, voluntary and private agencies and representative organisations.

### **Children's Services**

- 24.** To exercise all the powers and duties of the Council:
- (i) as local authority for the County in respect of education for children and young people;
  - (ii) which under any enactment stand referred to local authorities designated as social services authorities in respect of children and young people;
  - (iii) in relation to careers.

### **Adult Social Care**

- 25.** To exercise all the powers and duties of the Council:
- (i) which under any enactment stand referred to local authorities designated as social services authorities in respect of adults;
  - (ii) in relation to (a) the issue of certificates to blind persons and (b) the issue of badges for motor vehicles used by people with disabilities;
  - (iii) in respect of the grant of financial and other assistance to voluntary organisations, in relation to any matters within the purview of the County Council as a social services authority.

### **Transport and Environment**

- 26.** To exercise all the powers and duties of the Council in relation to:
- (i) highways and bridges and the traffic thereon, private streets, vehicle parking, litter on highways, road safety and the provision of weighbridges (except those powers delegated to the Regulatory Committee);
  - (ii) the promotion of a co-ordinated system of public passenger transport; arrangements for the development and operation of public transport including railways and the making of grants towards public transport;
  - (iii) the preparation of transportation plans and programmes;
  - (iv) its functions as waste disposal Authority;
  - (v) the safety of reservoirs and disused tips;
  - (vi) the management of statutory and permissive footpaths, bridleways and byways (except those powers delegated to the Regulatory Committee);
  - (vii) oil and chemical pollution.
- 27.** To co-ordinate the use of Council owned plant and transport.
- 28.** To exercise all the powers and duties of the Council:
- (i) as County Planning Authority, except those delegated to the Planning Committee, subject to the Cabinet informing the County Council of significant resource and other policy implications for the Council of local plans coming forward for certification;
  - (ii) relating to ancient monuments and historic buildings;
  - (iii) on all matters in relation to the management of the coast and the countryside (except those matters in relation to commons which have been delegated to the Regulatory Committee).

### **General**

- 29** To exercise the general power of competence given to local authorities under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to executive functions

**Delegations to Individual Cabinet Members**

30. The Leader to authorise individual Cabinet members to undertake such executive functions as he or she considers appropriate including to exercise the general power of competence given to local authorities under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 in relation to executive functions. (In exercising such functions, Cabinet members shall comply with any protocols which are issued from time to time).



**TABLE 2**

**Responsibility for Local Choice Functions**

The functions specified in Schedule II to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 will be allocated as set out in the Table below.

	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>ALLOCATION</b>
1.	Any function under a local Act other than a function specified or referred to in Regulation 2 or Schedule 1	Executive (Cabinet)
2.	Determining appeals against decisions made by or on behalf of the authority	The Council (delegated to the Regulatory Committee and relevant appeals panels)
3.	Making arrangements for the hearing of appeals against exclusion of pupils	Executive (Cabinet) *
4.	Making arrangements for the hearing of Schools Admission Appeals	Executive (Cabinet) *
5.	Making arrangements for the hearing of appeals by governing bodies over a requirement that they take pupils excluded from other schools	Executive (Cabinet) *
6.	The discharge of any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality	Executive (Cabinet) *
7.	The obtaining of information under Section 330 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as to interests in land	Allocated to each of the Executive (Cabinet) and the Council (delegated to the Planning Committee *) so far as required for carrying out other functions allocated to those bodies
8.	The obtaining of particulars of persons interested in land under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	Allocated to each of the Executive and the Council (delegated to the relevant committees *) so far as required for carrying out other functions allocated to those bodies
9.	Making of agreements for the execution of highways works	Executive (Cabinet) *

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10.	Appointments of individuals to outside bodies and revocation of such appointments	School governing bodies – Council (delegated to Governors Panel *)  All other such bodies – Council (delegated to Governance Committee)
11.	Power to make agreements placing staff at the disposal of other authorities	Executive (Cabinet) *

\* = delegation of power also to officers as set out in Table 6

## CONSTITUTION – PART 3 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

**Table 3****Responsibility for executive functions exercised by Cabinet Members, as Listed by the Leader (Article 7.06 of the Constitution refers)**

<b>Who is responsible (1)</b>	<b>Function (2)</b>	<b>Limitation (3)</b>
<p>Individual member of the Cabinet in relation to the functions set out in column (2), subject to the limitations in column (3)</p> <p>The Cabinet member making the decision will be the member allocated the appropriate responsibilities by the Leader, except that where that member is unable to act (whether through a conflict of interest, illness or absence) another member of the Cabinet may exercise the function on their behalf:</p>	<p><b>Any executive function including:</b></p> <p>[a] approval to spend budgets (including grant(s)) or supplementary credit approval, transfers between budget heads and budget monitoring;</p> <p>[b] agreeing annual reports;</p> <p>[c] monitoring performance of services.</p> <p>[d] approving bids for funds from external bodies</p> <p>[e] agreeing concordats or other similar agreements or statements of intent with other parties;</p> <p>[f] approving responses to consultation papers;</p> <p>[g] any decision required under the Contracts Procedure Rules;</p> <p>[h] approving the acquisition and disposal of land or property;</p> <p>[i] approving the making of compulsory purchase orders for the acquisition of land or property;</p>	<p>All provisions listed in this column apply to all functions listed in column (2). In all cases the decision must be consistent with the Policy Framework and corporate strategies. In addition, the following matters are not included in the delegations, namely those:</p> <p>[i] properly reserved to the Council as part of the Budget and Policy Framework;</p> <p>[ii] which the Leader and/or the Cabinet have reserved to the Cabinet or subject to any guidance they have given;</p>

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<p>In case of any uncertainty as to who may act the Monitoring Officer will decide after consultation with the Leader.</p>	<p>[j] approval, amendment or rescission of orders and schemes relating to traffic management .</p>	<p><i>The exercise of the function is also subject to:</i></p> <p>[a] the provisions of the Constitution including the Financial Procedure Rules (and financial provision being available); and the Contracts Procedure Rules;</p> <p>[b] consultation with other Cabinet members as appropriate;</p> <p>[c] the protocol on decision making approved by the Council;</p> <p>[d] the right of the member(s) concerned to refer the matter to the Cabinet if they so choose;</p> <p>[e] the matter being referred to the Cabinet where there is a dispute between the member authorised to take the decision and another Cabinet member who has been consulted under the Protocol on Decision Making.</p>
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## **Table 6**

### **Scheme of Delegations to Officers**

#### **Summary of Contents**

- 1. General delegation**
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  - A. Financial
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- 3. Delegations to particular Officers**
  - A. Chief Executive
  - B. Chief Operating Officer
  - C. Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
  - D. Director of Children's Services
  - E. Director of Adult Social Care and Health
  - F. Assistant Chief Executive
  - G. Chief Finance Officer

#### **Delegation of Powers to Chief Executive and all Directors**

Within the provisions of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the County Council the following powers are delegated to Chief Executive and all Directors (including the Assistant Chief Executive) in relation to the services for which they are responsible. All references in these delegations to Acts or Regulations are to include reference to legislation amending or re-enacting the same. The operation of these delegations is subject to Standing Orders, the Code of Conduct and this Constitution.

Any interpretation of this Scheme of Delegations to Officers shall be in accordance with the Council's and the Leader's wish that the scheme shall not be construed restrictively.

**1. General Delegation**

The power to manage the services for which they are responsible, including taking and implementing decisions which aid in maintaining the operational effectiveness of those services, and which fall within a policy decision taken by the Council. The power to be exercised (a) in conformity with any instructions given by the Chief Executive and with Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, approved revenue estimates and the approved capital programme; and (b) having regard to any legal advice by the Assistant Chief Executive .

To the extent permissible by law, the functions delegated to the Chief Executive, Directors, Chief Finance Officer and Assistant Chief Executive may be carried out by other officers employed by the Council or by external contractors either fully or under the general supervision and control of the officer with delegated responsibility and authorised by the Chief Executive or any Director, the Chief Finance Officer or Assistant Chief Executive according to the authorisation in the departmental internal scheme.

**2. Delegations to Chief Executive and all Directors**

**A. Financial**

1. Subject to the limitations in Financial Regulations and elsewhere in these delegations, to incur expenditure for which provision has been made in the approved revenue budget, provided no commitment to further expenditure is made which is not similarly provided for, including transferring sums between budget headings, writing off debts as irrecoverable, assessing the amount of contribution for services provided and authorising ex gratia payments.

**B. Land and Property**

1.
  - (a) To authorise the granting, determination or obtaining of easements, wayleaves and licences (Including agreements for the seasonal use of agricultural land) over or in respect of land held for or required for the purposes of the County Council, including approval of the terms of the transaction. This power shall not be exercised, except in the case of land used or required for a public highway, without first taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Assistant Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer which will include provision to comply with corporate property requirements.
  - (b) After taking appropriate professional advice, as set out in (a) above, to approve the terms of any transaction as described in (a) above.
2. After taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Assistant Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer which will include provision to comply with corporate property requirements:
  - (a) to authorise the sale or leasing of land to statutory undertakers for the purposes of their statutory functions;
  - (b) subject to financial provision existing and the net rent not exceeding £25,000 per annum, to authorise the taking of a lease or tenancy of land or buildings;
  - (c) to authorise the determination of such a lease or tenancy;
  - (d) to authorise the granting and termination of leases and licences for a period not exceeding 14 years of premises held for staff accommodation or premises or land not immediately required for County Council purposes;
  - (e) to hire or hire out or authorise the use of buildings or facilities held or required for the purposes of the County Council; and
  - (f) to grant consent:
    - (i) to the underletting or assignment of any lease or tenancy of land under the control of the County Council;
    - (ii) under restrictive covenants the benefits of which are vested in the County Council.
3. Following consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member responsible for the service concerned: (1) in cases of urgency to approve the acquisition of any interest in land required for



the purposes of the Council; and (2) subject to Financial Regulations, to approve on behalf of the Council the price or other consideration for the acquisition of any interest in land, after taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer. (Refer to paragraph 4 below if acquisition cost is below £100,000).

4. After taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer and having consulted the Chief Operating Officer, to approve the terms of any land acquisition where the payment to the other party does not exceed £100,000 (in the case of a lump sum payment) or £25,000 per annum (in respect of an annual rental) (subject to financial provision existing), and to maintain a register of all such transactions which should be available for inspection by members. (Refer to paragraph 3 above if acquisition is above £100,000).
5. After taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the County Council which will include provision to comply with corporate property requirements:
  - (a) to authorise land to be declared surplus where the area of land does not exceed 0.2 hectare (0.494 acre);
  - (b) to approve dedications of land; and
  - (c) to authorise the acquisition of land for operational purposes up to an area of 0.2 hectare (0.494 acre) subject to there being provision within approved capital or revenue budgets.
6. After taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer to authorise the payment of appropriate disturbance costs and a sum equal to a home loss payment on the acquisition of properties purchased in advance of the confirmation of a compulsory purchase order.
7. After taking appropriate professional advice in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down by the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer and after consulting the relevant Cabinet members (if the proposed terms are less than the market value) to approve the terms of lettings to charitable organisations.
8. After consultation with the Chief Executive to authorise the service of counter notices to blight notices.
9. To seek planning permission under regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

10. To be responsible for the client functions covered by Service Level Agreements as set out below, these functions to be exercised in accordance with guidelines which may from time to time be laid down:

Commissioning professional property services:

- preparing and agreeing tender lists for competitively procured professional services;
- preparation of tender documentation;
- tender evaluation;
- establishing and reviewing quality thresholds;
- resolving technical problems, disputes and queries;
- performance monitoring;
- processing applications for payment of professional services;
- review of systems of delivery.

Service Department Client Functions

- preparation and holding of budgets for capital projects;
- commissioning client agent in accordance with corporate policy;
- preparation of client project design standards;
- agree final selection of consultants;
- approval of contract terms i.e. timescales/budgets;
- accept handover and organise occupation.

11. To take, and to give approval to take, all lawful steps to take, recover and retain possession of County Council land and property, to secure at all times that trespassers do not enter on to such land and to remove trespassers from such land; and to engage in any lawful activities in connection therewith.

**C. Personnel**

Where appropriate the following delegations to the Chief Executive and Directors are qualified by the appropriate section(s) of the Personnel Policies and Conditions Handbook.

1. Within the approved financial estimates of the department concerned to set the staffing complement and to appoint employees to all posts other than those reserved for elected member appointment and to approve starting salaries.
2. In accordance with national and/or local agreements and/or policy and criteria approved by the County Council to set terms and conditions of employment of staff and, provided the estimates of the department or for the project concerned are not thereby exceeded, to accelerate the incremental position of any employee whose post is not reserved for elected member appointment, provided the maximum of the grade for the post is not exceeded
3. Provided that the cost can be met from within the approved training estimates (a) to arrange and approve the training of employees in accordance with the County Council's post entry scheme of training, training policy and practice; and (b) to approve the attendance of officers at professional conferences.
4. In accordance with the policy of the County Council and, where appropriate, after taking medical advice:
  - (a) to extend an employee's period of sick leave on full pay or half pay for a maximum period not exceeding three months;
  - (b) to vary the requirement to return to duty for a minimum period of five months following maternity leave.
5. To allow an employee to return to work on a part-time basis on full pay for up to two months, provided medical advice is sought and it will contribute positively to the employee's eventual return to full duty.
6. In accordance with the policy of the County Council to authorise:
  - (a) special leave, paid and/or unpaid, to include special leave for trade union activities;
  - (b) extended maternity leave without pay;
  - (c) compassionate leave for up to two weeks;
  - (d) officers above Spinal Column Point 28 on the NJC Scheme and Spinal Column Point 23 on the Single Status Scheme to engage in other business or take up additional appointments;

- (e) an employee to use his/her private vehicle on official business and, in consultation with the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport and the Chief Operating Officer, to grant applications for loans under the County Council's Assisted Car Purchase Scheme.
- (f) applications to participate in the lease car scheme from officers travelling over 3,500 miles but less than 4,000 miles per annum on official business in cases where there is a range of similar posts carrying out similar duties and average business miles in the group of posts is 4,000 miles or more but mileage variations exist due to geographical or other factors;
- (g) in respect of participation in the lease car scheme, a higher threshold than 4,000 miles on official business per annum being applied in respect of his or her department if departmental circumstances make that necessary;
- (h) within guidelines developed by the Chief Executive, to reduce lease car user contributions by 25% or 50% within the general scheme as a recruitment and retention incentive for individual or groups of posts where labour wastage is detracting from operational efficiency on the basis that departments will meet any additional costs from within existing budgets;
- (i) extensions of the time limit for making claims under the Relocation Grant Scheme;
- (j) in circumstances in which the County Council could normally be expected to assume some responsibility, ex gratia payments to staff up to a maximum of £500. Ex gratia payments above £500 and not exceeding £2,500 may be authorised after consultation with the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer. (The degree of negligence on the part of the claimant will be taken into account in assessing the payment);
- (k) honoraria payments for special merit up to £1000;
- (l) honoraria payments to staff who temporarily undertake additional duties or responsibilities in accordance with the scheme for the time being in force;
- (m) planned overtime for staff above Spinal Column Point 28 on the NJC Scheme and Spinal Column Point 23 on the Single Status Scheme;
- (n) the amount of sickness allowance to be discounted following an award to an employee by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board;

- (o) in special cases, variations in the normal repayment provisions relating to:
    - (i) training expenses where the employee leaves within two years of completing a course of study;
    - (ii) relocation expenses where the employee leaves within the period stated in the scheme in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer;
  - (p) the dismissal of unsatisfactory probationary employees;
  - (q) in special cases, salary and/or service condition protection to employees redeployed for reasons other than redundancy or re-organisation.
7. To accredit trade union representatives and safety representatives appointed by the recognised trade unions in accordance with the agreement for 'Recognition of and Facilities for Union and Safety Representatives'.
8. To authorise increases to locally agreed departmental special payments and allowances to reflect movement in the relevant cost of living/wage award as appropriate.
9. To dismiss staff in accordance with the County Council's disciplinary and other procedures.
10. (a) To grade all posts below LMG Band 1 where the skill requirement is confined to that department.
- (b) In agreement with the Chief Executive to grade all other posts in this group.
11. In relation to in-house provider posts below general manager/consultancy manager level (i) to enable an in-house provider to fulfil a contract within the terms of the tender award; or (ii) as a result of the loss of, or variation in the terms of, a contract:
- (a) to increase the number of posts within an in-house provider, provided that where the variation is beyond that set out in the business plan the Chief Operating Officer is satisfied that the revised employment costs can be met from income and that, where appropriate, the statutory rate of return can still be achieved;
  - (b) to reduce the number of posts within an in-house provider, by redundancy if necessary;

- (c) to set the pay and conditions of service on which staff in the in-house providers are employed and to vary those pay rates and conditions of service.

The employment policies adopted for the in-house providers shall be followed in achieving any reductions in the number of posts or in making any variations in the pay and conditions of service on which staff are employed.

**D. General**

1. To sell, or dispose of, at the best price obtainable surplus vehicles, plant, stores and equipment, subject to competitive tenders being obtained wherever practical.
2. To approve plans of small buildings and other similar projects required for the purposes of the service concerned, except in the case of buildings or projects involving a major change in design policy or which are unique.
3.
  - (a) To authorise officers of their department to act as inspectors for the purpose of, or otherwise to enter premises and to enforce the provisions of, any enactment which it is the duty of the County Council to enforce.
  - (b) To authorise officers of their department to prosecute or defend or to appear on the County Council's behalf in proceedings before a Magistrates' Court, Family Proceedings Court or County Court.
4. Within any policy guidelines issued by the County Council, to provide services, supply goods or carry out works to others whether based in East Sussex or outside, subject to consultations with the Assistant Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer, as to compliance with any necessary legal and financial requirements.
5. To approve full applications by the County Council to the National Lottery Distributing Bodies, provided that applications are pursued in accordance with the County Council's Bidding Protocol.
6. To accept sponsorship deals involving the receipt by the County Council of sums between £10,000 and £100,000. NOTE: deals involving sums under £10,000 can be approved by the appropriate Assistant Director. Deals involving sums of over £100,000 require the approval of the Cabinet.
7. To charge for discretionary services on the basis that anyone who requires the discretionary service agrees to take it on those terms pursuant to section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003, subject to consultations with the Assistant Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer as to compliance with any necessary legal and financial requirements.
8. To exercise the general power of competence given to local authorities under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011

**3. Delegations to Particular Officers**

**A. Chief Executive**

1. (a) To be the Returning Officer for County Council elections.
- (b) In circumstances considered special by the Chief Executive, to delegate to any senior officer (nominated in that behalf by the Chief Executive) the right to exercise the powers of the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for County Council elections.
- (c) To increase annually the fees and disbursements payable in respect of County Council elections by the same percentage as the pay award made by the NJC for Local Government Services.
2. To apply the Voluntary Severance Scheme, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, the Assistant Chief Executive and Assistant Director, Personnel and Training or their representatives
3. To appoint to Assistant Director posts where there is no competitive process involved.
4. To deal with issues relating to the fees paid to the County Medical Adviser.
5. (a) To exercise the powers of the County Council under the Marriage Act 1994 and the Marriage (Approved Premises) Regulations 1994, save where a review has been sought which falls to be determined by the Approved Marriage Premises Review Panel.
- (b) To convene a panel of three members, drawn from the membership of the Regulatory Committee, to review decisions made by the Proper Officer for Registration under the Marriage (Approved Premises) Regulations 1995.
6. In relation to members' allowances:
  - (a) after consultation with the Chief Operating Officer to implement revised rates for members' allowances, including payments for travelling and subsistence;
  - (b) after consultation with the Chair of the Governance Committee to approve additions to the list of outside bodies for which members may claim payment of travelling expenses,and to make changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme accordingly.



7. To make minor changes to Standing Orders, Delegations to the Chief Executive and Directors, the Terms of Reference of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels and existing protocols, after consultation with the Group Leaders.
  
8. To make grants from the allocation for discretionary grants agreed by the Cabinet up to a total, for any one organisation in any period of three years, of £1,000 except where:
  - (a) the organisation has been refused a grant by the Cabinet unless the Cabinet has specifically agreed that a grant from the discretionary allocation may be given;
  - (b) the organisation is at the time in receipt of a grant from the Cabinet; or
  - (c) the organisation has received a grant from the allocation for the past three years.
  
9. To set the allowance and expenses for Independent Persons
  
10. To exercise any of the functions and powers delegated to any member of staff so far as the law allows
  
11. In consultation with Group Leaders, to make temporary appointments to Assistant Director roles

*Note:*

*(i) The Chief Executive, as the Head of the Paid Service, has certain statutory responsibilities under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.*

*(ii) The Chief Executive or his/her nominee has been appointed to serve with the President of the East Sussex Valuation Tribunal on a two person panel to appoint Valuation Tribunal members.*

**B. Chief Operating Officer**

*Finance*

1. To implement decisions of National Negotiating Bodies affecting employees, except insofar as such decisions give discretionary powers to employing authorities.
2. To pay statutory benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

*Corporate Property Functions*

3. To undertake corporate property reviews.
4. To develop policies, and set and monitor corporate standards to achieve the policies in relation to:
  - land acquisition;
  - new build and maintenance;

and to ensure corporate mechanisms are in place to achieve this role.

5. To provide Health and Safety advice and guidance in respect of property matters.
6. To provide and maintain the County Council's terrier and other corporate property information.
7. To provide property advice to the County Council on corporate functions including the following client agent functions in relation to corporate property responsibilities:
  - property services input to property reviews and property audits;
  - asset valuations;
  - advice on the mix between temporary/permanent and freehold/leasehold accommodation;
  - property and land acquisition and disposal service.

8. To prepare and maintain approved lists of works consultants and contractors.

*Other Property Matters*

9. To declare surplus to County Council requirements and to authorise the disposal of small areas of surplus land where:

(a) no alternative form of development is considered possible;

- (b) the adjoining owner is the only likely purchaser; and
  - (c) the area of land is less than 0.2 hectares (0.494 acres).
10. To authorise the disposal of surplus houses in accordance with the policy set by the Council.
  11. To authorise the temporary occupation of a property (for a maximum period of 12 months) where a staff tenancy terminates for any reason other than retirement or death of the employee.
  12. To approve the terms of any land disposal where the payment from the other party does not exceed £250,000 (in the case of a lump sum payment) or £25,000 per annum (in respect of an annual rental), and to maintain a register of all such transactions, to be available for inspection by members.
  13. After consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources (subject to Financial Regulations) to approve on behalf of the Council the sale price or other consideration for the disposal of any interest in land, above the limit set in paragraph 12 above.
  14. To seek planning permission under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

*Corporate Personnel and Training Function*

15. To authorise increases to locally agreed special payments and allowances which have a corporate application to reflect movement in the relevant cost of living index/wage award as appropriate.
16. To agree to the payment of a resettlement allowance above the maximum figure in the relocation scheme in appropriate circumstances after consultation with the Chair of the Governance Committee and the Leaders of the other Groups.
17. To increase the ceiling on the Assisted Car Purchase Scheme annually in the light of increases in new car prices.
18. To adjust, on an annual basis, user contributions towards the leasing costs of lease cars.
19. To vary, in special cases, the approved level of assistance with training expenses.
20. To authorise payment of awards under the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations.
21. To apply the discretionary provisions within the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

22. To agree with the employing Director the salary bands for management posts in LMG Bands 1-10 (below Director level).
23. To approve payments under the Market Supplement Policy, in consultation with the relevant Director, subject to the other options for addressing staff retention problems having been considered and the following criteria having been satisfied:
  - (a) the market in which the County Council is competing being examined;
  - (b) salary levels in that market for the required skills, qualifications and experience being clearly above the County Council pay levels; and
  - (c) non-pay items which might provide a recruitment/retention incentive being thoroughly examined.
24. To accelerate the incremental position of any employee whose post is reserved for elected member appointment, provided the maximum of the grade for the post is not exceeded.
25. To authorise the premature retirement of non-teaching staff except those for those posts reserved for elected member appointment in which cases premature retirement can be authorised after consultation with the members of the Governance Committee.
26.
  - (i) To extend the time period for aggregation of LGPS membership beyond 12 months in exceptional circumstances; and
  - (ii) To augment the membership of the LGPS for an employee or group of employees on joining or during service in appropriate circumstances.
27. To agree, in consultation with the relevant Director, individual compensation settlements arising from references to the ACAS Conciliation Officer in Employment Tribunal cases.
28. To maintain and operate the Corporate Confidential Reporting ("Whistleblowing") Policy.
29. To maintain and operate the E-Mail Use Policy, including authority to make any necessary minor amendments or updating.

*Other Matters*

30. To settle individual claims for compensation arising for reasons other than loss of or damage to an employee's property in those cases where

the employee is unable to prove that there is any negligence on behalf of the County Council.

31. To exercise the County Council's powers as a member of the East Sussex Tourist Attractions Association (ESTAA).
- (a) To exercise day to day management of the Ashdown Forest Trust; and
  - (b) to agree the accounts of, and grants by, the Trust after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Members for Resources and Transport and Environment, and the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport .

*Note: The Chief Operating Officer's and the Chief Finance Officer's duties and responsibilities in relation to insurances are set out in the Financial Regulations.*

**C. Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

1. To authorise, pursuant to the powers contained in the Highways Act 1980 (as amended):
  - (a) the erection and siting of buildings or structures (including but not limited to seats, signs, notice boards and bollards) or the carrying out of works:
    - (i) within, over or under the highway;
    - (ii) in front of the prescribed building line;
    - (iii) of a private nature over or under the public highway, subject to securing appropriate bonding arrangements and commuted maintenance payments.
  - (b) interference with or obstruction to highways;
  - (c) the grant of permissions and licences;
  - (d) the grant of permissions and licences including but not limited to skips; trees/shrubs; scaffolding; builders materials and hoardings.
2. After consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive to serve any notices and to exercise the powers of the County Council to authorise direct action or institute legal proceedings relating to:
  - (a) interference with or obstruction to or nuisance on any highway or land adjoining a highway; and
  - (b) a failure to comply with any prohibition or requirement of the Highways Act 1980, New Roads and Works Act 1991 (Part 3), the Traffic Management Act 2004, National parks and access to the Countryside Act 1949, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 or Builders' Skips (Markings) Regulations 1984.
3. (a) After consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive, appropriate District Council and local member (save in the case of temporary traffic restrictions), to make, give consent or object to the making of, apply or confirm any order under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Parking Act 1989 and the Rights of Way Act 1990, the Traffic Management Act, New Roads Works and Streets Act 1991, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

- (b) To make provision for the regulation of traffic, pursuant to the County Council's statutory powers, where formal orders are not required.
  - (c) To authorise the Assistant Chief Executive to make temporary traffic orders without recourse to the consultation procedure.
- 4. To approve, from time to time, a schedule of prospectively maintainable highways under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.
- 5. To authorise the entering into of agreements with developers under Sections 38 and 228 of the Highways Act 1980 and to exercise the powers of the County Council with respect to the formal adoption of private streets generally.
- 6. To authorise the entering into of any agreements under the Highways Act 1980 including (but not limited to) agreements under Sections 6 and 278 of that Act
- 7. To authorise entry onto any land, including for the purpose of survey and to place or leave on or in that land any apparatus for use in connection with that survey.
- 8. To exercise the discretionary powers of the County Council under the Land Compensation Act 1973 (as amended) and the Noise Insulation Regulations.
- 9. After consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive to serve notices of exemption from the Advance Payments Code (Private Street Works) in appropriate cases where this would not prejudice the County Council.
- 10. To object, when appropriate on highway grounds, to applications to local licensing authorities for licences for goods vehicle operating centres.
- 11. To undertake the powers and duties of the County Council as Enforcement Authority under the Reservoirs Act 1975, including the service of formal notices and the authorisation of legal proceedings.
- 12.
  - (a) In consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive, to grant permits under Section 115(E) of the Highways Act 1980 for the carrying out of trading and similar activities on footways and pedestrianised areas, in cases of unopposed applications.
  - (b) To deal with consultations by district councils exercising their own powers under Section 115(E) of the Highways Act 1980 and to give consent to the exercise of such powers.
  - (c) To authorise payment terms and associated conditions where permits are issued under Section 115(E) of the Highways Act 1980 for trading and similar activities on footways and

pedestrianised areas, in cases where the Highways Authority is the owner of the land.

13. After consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, to increase the fee for the service provided by the County Council in answering highway enquiries on the CON29 Enquiries of Local Authority Form, based upon current costs.
14. To determine the need for on-street parking bays for blue badge holders close to their residences, in terms of traffic problems.
15. To sign controlled waste transfer notes under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 in respect of waste transferring between the County Council and another party.

*Public Transport*

16. (i) To arrange such consultations as appear to him to be appropriate following the notification by an operator of an intention to change a local bus service.
- (ii) To take steps to provide for the provision at short notice of temporary gap filling journeys where an operator withdraws from a route.
- (iii) To award contracts, within established guidelines and policy, to the lowest tenderer.
- (iv) On behalf of the County Council, to enter into a 'de minimis' arrangement with an operator, subject to being satisfied that the particular arrangement is both appropriate and the most cost effective means of securing the provision of a journey.
- (v) To approve requests for fares increases on supported services which are broadly in line with the general level of inflation.

*Development Control*

17. To determine all applications for planning permission which fall to be determined by the County Council where the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the development plan and current planning policies except where two or more objections on planning grounds have been received within the statutory consultation period from neighbouring occupiers or from statutory consultees.
18. (a) To determine applications for planning permission amounting to minor variations to applications already granted.



- (b) To determine applications for non-material amendments to planning permissions made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- 19. To determine any matter arising under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 and associated legislation and any legislation which amends or replaces it.
- 20.
  - (a) To determine, where there are less than 2 objections relating to siting and/or appearance, the determination of (a) whether or not prior approval is required and (b) whether or not prior approval is granted in relation to applications made under Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.
  - (b) To determine applications for developments ancillary to mining operations made under part 19 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995
  - (c) To determine applications under Part 31 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for the prior approval of the demolition of buildings
- 21. To determine applications for certificates of appropriate alternative development under Section 17 of the Land Compensation Act 1961, in respect of decisions which fall to be made by the County Planning Authority.
- 22. To determine applications for Certificates of Lawfulness of Existing or Proposed Use or Development under Sections 191 and 192 respectively of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 23. To provide observations on behalf of the County Planning Authority to the appropriate government department in respect of the County Council's applications which entail demolition in a Conservation Area and/or alterations to Listed Buildings.
- 24. To assess whether a proposal which is a departure from the Development Plan requires referral to the Secretary of State.
- 25. To assess consultations received from District Councils submitted under paragraph 7, Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to seek agreement from the District Planning Authority for their withdrawal if the submission does not appear to be required by paragraph 7.
- 26. To assess whether a consultation submitted under paragraph 7, Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relates to a proposal substantially the same as one previously considered under paragraph 7, Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by the Planning Committee and in respect of which there are no new strategic planning

issues and to respond to the consultation.

27. To respond to consultations under paragraph 7 Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by District Planning Authorities on applications for development in areas which have been notified to them as mineral consultation areas or waste consultation areas.
28. To respond to consultations which relate to one or more of sub-paragraphs 3(c) - (g) inclusive of paragraph 7, Schedule 1 Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
29. To respond to the appropriate government department on applications made under the Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) Regulations 2001 unless the proposal raises issues of strategic importance.
30. To submit observations on behalf of the County Planning Authority and the Highway Authority in respect of proposals for development by District Councils.
31. To respond to the relevant District Planning Authority on behalf of the Highway Authority in respect of any statutory or other consultations in relation to proposals for development.
32. To submit observations on proposals for development by local authorities and government departments not involving formal consultation.
33. To give observations, if appropriate, on behalf of the County Council on applications to the Secretary of State for deemed planning permission under Section 90(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of poles, pole mounted equipment and overhead electricity lines below 33kv.
34. To give observations, if appropriate, on behalf of the County Council on proposals for minor diversions or temporary routes on power lines up to 400kv where no objection is being raised.
35. After consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive, to decide whether to take and/or to discontinue formal enforcement action or initiate any other legal proceedings in any case where they consider it appropriate to do so; any action taken to be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee.
36. In consultation with appropriate Directors to authorise the County Council to participate in planning obligations under Section 106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
37. To consider requests for variations to agreements made under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in consultation with relevant Directors, the local Members and the Chair of Planning Committee, and to enter into such variation agreements as appropriate.

38. To exercise the powers delegated to the Council by the South Downs National Park Authority to provide the planning service for matters detailed in Paragraphs 17 – 22, 24, 35 – 37 above for sites which fall within the South Downs National Park, in accordance with arrangements with the South Downs national park Authority.

*Development Plans and Consultation*

39. To respond to consultations by other Planning Authorities on Draft Structure and Local Plans and any other Development Plan.
40. To respond on behalf of the Council as County Planning Authority to consultations from government departments and other statutory and non-statutory organisations.
41. To agree briefs for joint County and District Local Plan studies.

*Other Matters*

42. To make new Tree Preservation Orders and modify existing Orders.
43. To determine applications for consent to fell, top or lop trees included in a Tree Preservation Order (where this is the responsibility of the County Planning Authority).
44. To submit observations when consulted on applications for felling licences.
45. To authorise the planting of trees, subject to funds being available within the agreed budget.
46. To authorise the service of Notices under Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, requiring the replacement of trees.
47. To exercise the County Council's powers and duties under orders and regulations made under the Plant Health Act 1967 (includes Dutch Elm Disease).
48. After undertaking appropriate consultations, to decline the offer of an access agreement between the County Council and the landowner in respect of woods which clearly have insignificant recreational value.
49. To make arrangements for the transport of pupils and students to school or college where there is a statutory duty or it is the policy of the County Council to provide such transport.
50. To discharge any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality.

- 51 (a) To discharge the powers, duties and responsibilities of the County Council under the legislation in respect of trading standards and animal welfare, which shall include but not be limited to the legislation listed in 51 below ('the trading standards and animal welfare legislation').
- (b) To appoint and designate officers in Trading Standards as inspectors, sampling officers or authorised officers as the case may be in respect of the trading standards and animal welfare legislation.
- (c) To grant, amend, refuse, suspend and transfer licenses or certificates, and to register persons or premises, pursuant to the trading standards and animal welfare legislation.
- (d) To authorise the institution of proceedings brought under the trading standards and animal welfare legislation.
52. The legislation set out below includes also any enabling enactment, statutory instrument, order in council, byelaw or other order, and any enactment repealing, amending or extending the provisions thereof.

Accommodation Agencies Act 1953  
Administration of Justice Act 1970 – Section 40  
Administration of Justice Act 1985  
Agricultural Produce (Grading & Marking) Acts 1928  
Agriculture Act 1970  
Animal Health Act 1981  
Animal Welfare Act 2006  
Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003  
Cancer Act 1939  
Celluloid & Cinematograph Film Act 1922  
Children & Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991  
Children & Young Persons Act 1933  
Clean Air Act 1993  
Companies Acts 1985/2006  
Consumer Credit Act 1974  
Consumer Protection Act 1987  
Copyright, Designs & Patents Act 1988  
Courts and Legal Services Act 1990  
Criminal Damage Act 1971  
Criminal Justice Act 1988  
Customs & Excise Management Act 1979  
Education Reform Act 1988  
Energy Act 1976  
Enterprise Act 2002  
Environmental Protection Act 1990  
Estate Agents Act 1979  
European Communities Act 1972  
Explosives Act 1875

Fair Trading Act 1973  
Farm & Garden Chemicals Act 1967  
Fireworks Act 1951  
Fireworks Act 2003  
Food and Environment Protection Act 1985  
Food Safety Act 1990  
Forgery & Counterfeiting Act 1981  
Fraud Act 2006  
Hallmarking Act 1973  
Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974  
Housing Act 2004  
Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Act 1985  
Knives Act 1997  
Legal Services Act 2007 (S198)  
Licensing Act 2003  
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (S16)  
Malicious Communications Act 1988  
Medicines Act 1968  
Merchant Shipping Act 1995  
Motor Cycle Noise Act 1987  
Motor Vehicles (Safety Equipment for Children) Act 1991  
Olympic Symbol etc (Protection) Act 1995  
Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925  
Poisons Act 1972  
Prices Act 1974  
Property Misdescriptions Act 1991  
Protection of Animals Act 1911  
Public Health Act 1961  
Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act 1972  
Road Traffic Act 1988 and 1991  
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984  
Solicitors Act 1974  
Telecommunications Act 1984  
Theft Acts 1968 and 1978  
Tobacco Advertising and Promotions Act 2002  
Trade Descriptions Act 1968  
Trade Marks Act 1994  
Unsolicited Goods & Services Acts 1971 & 1975  
Video Recordings Act 1984  
Weights & Measures Act 1985

53. To authorise officers of the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service to act as licensing officer and petroleum inspectors, under sections 18 and 19 of the Health and Safety At Work (Etc) Act 1974 and the Petroleum Consolidation Act 1928, on behalf of the County Council.
54. In liaison with Action in Rural Sussex and the Chief Operating Officer to agree arrangements for the consideration of applications for assistance

to Village Halls and to determine applications, subject to keeping the Lead Cabinet Member, opposition Group Spokespersons and the local member informed.

55. To determine applications for drainage approval and ordinary watercourse consent and enforcement proceedings to be taken against contraventions under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) and the Land Drainage Act (1991) as amended
56. To designate features which affect flood risk, to determine applications to alter or remove designated features, and take enforcement action against unconsented activity affecting designated features
57. Under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended):
  - (a) after consultation with the East Sussex Fire Authority, to carry out inspections and issue Safety Certificates subject to any matters of particular relevance being reported to the Regulatory Committee.
  - (b) to issue, serve and enforce prohibition notices.
58. Under the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987:
  - (a) after consultation with the East Sussex Fire Authority, to undertake the County Council's powers and duties: (i) in respect of inspections, determinations and the issue, amendment and cancellation of certificates under Part III of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987; and (ii) to enforce and institute proceedings under this legislation.
  - (b) to charge applicants for certificates up to the statutory maximum
59. In relation to libraries:
  - (a) to fix the opening and closing hours; and
  - (b) to set the fees and charges made by the Business Information Services.
60. To take the lead role in Arts related work, including determining in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member, applications for grant aid for support for the Arts where the sum applied for is £2,000 or less.

*Note: The Head of Trading Standards is the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.*

**D. Director of Children's Services**

1. (i) To be the Council's Director of Children's Services pursuant to Section 18 of the Children Act 2004.
- (ii) To discharge the education, children's social services and other functions conferred by Section 18(2) of the Children Act 2004 and any additional functions for which the Director of Children's Services may subsequently become the statutory officer.
- (iii) Without prejudice to the general nature of the functions delegated at paragraphs 1(i) and (ii) above, to exercise the specific function set out below.

*Schools*

2. In consultation with a Standing Panel of teacher representatives, to fix school terms and holidays.
3. To carry out consultations on proposed annual admission limits for all schools for which the Council is the admissions authority and to report thereon to the Cabinet or Lead Cabinet member and to allocate to pupils the school at which education is to be provided in accordance with the County Council's school admissions policies and related criteria and to represent the County Council at school admission appeals.
4. In accordance with the County Council's special education policies and related criteria, to refuse or make arrangements for the assessment and re-assessment of the special educational needs of children and, where appropriate, to make statements of the special educational needs of children and to arrange for the special educational provision specified in those statements, including the undertaking of annual reviews of such statements and related provision, the ceasing of statements and representing the County Council at tribunals.
5. To make school attendance orders and, where appropriate, in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive, to exercise the powers of the County Council to institute proceedings if a child of compulsory school age is not receiving efficient full time education suitable to his/her age, ability and aptitude and to apply to the Court for education supervision orders.
6. To respond to resolutions passed at annual meetings of parents/governors.
7. In conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive to make Orders, or to amend existing Orders, to provide for Instruments of Government for all maintained schools in accordance with the provisions of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998.

8. To exercise the Council's powers in respect of pupils excluded from schools and to give directions to Headteachers as to reinstatement of pupils.
9. In consultation with the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness, to exercise all the executive powers and duties of the County Council:
  - (a) To authorise all actions (except for the approval of pension arrangements) considered necessary in connection with school proposals to change category to Foundation (or Trust) or to form an Academy; and
  - (b) To engage with any potential Free School proposers and respond to any consultations proposing the establishment of a Free School;

subject to consulting with the Chief Operating Officer in respect of land disposals
10. To agree the terms of, and entering into, agreements for the joint use of school facilities

*Assistance to Pupils/Students*

11. To determine applications for boarding and tuition allowances for pupils and applications for awards and grants to students, including the power to determine where an applicant's circumstances are such that an exception to the normal policy of the County Council ought to be made.
12. To determine whether an applicant's circumstances are such that an exception to the policy on excluding courses from the discretionary awards scheme ought to be considered and made.
13. To set charges for transport conditional permits within guidelines set by the Cabinet.

*Finance and Personnel Functions*

14. To determine annually individual budget shares for schools in accordance with decisions of the County Council, statutory requirements and the approved scheme for the financing of maintained schools.
15. (i) After consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to exercise all the powers and duties of the County Council under Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, including Section 60 (Warning Notices); Section 63 (requiring governing body to enter into arrangements); Section 64 (appointment of additional governors); Section 65 (appointment of governing body consisting of interim executive members) and Section 66 (suspension of delegated budget). Action taken



Sections 63, 64, 65 and 66 to be reported to following meeting of the Cabinet.

- (ii) In respect of a school which is judged following an OFSTED inspection to be in need of special measures, or requiring significant improvement, to prepare on behalf of the County Council a commentary on the governing body's action plan and to submit to the Secretary of State a statement of the action proposed by the County Council in support of the action plan and to take all intervention and other consequential action. Where the school's delegated budget is suspended following intervention under 15 (i) or (ii), the Director of Children's Services shall exercise the County Council's powers in relation to all staffing matters.
- 16. In relation to schools with delegated budgets, to exercise the County Council's residual powers and duties in relation to staffing matters.
  - 17. To approve the premature retirement of teaching staff in accordance with the County Council's policy on the premature retirement scheme for teachers.

*Buildings/Premises*

- 18. Except in the case of buildings or projects involving a major change in design policy, to approve on behalf of the Cabinet plans prepared by or on behalf of the County Council for capital projects which have been agreed departmentally and, in the case of existing educational establishments, with the head or principal and governors concerned.
- 19. To authorise the exercise of the County Council's statutory duty to transfer sites to the trustees of voluntary schools.
- 20. To authorise the payment of such sums as may be approved by the Department for Education and Skills in respect of the County Council's contribution to aided school projects, subject to the Chief Operating Officer being satisfied that sufficient provision has been made for the expenditure in the revenue or capital budget and that, where required, borrowing authorisation will be available.
- 21. To authorise members of staff at educational establishments to exercise the powers of removal conferred by Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 (the Assistant Chief Executive is separately authorised to institute proceedings for alleged offences).

*Miscellaneous*

- 22. To agree the mileage rates to be paid to parents who make arrangements to transport their children between home and school.

- 22.1 To make appointments of local authority representatives: (a) to fill casual vacancies on school governing bodies; and (b) in consultation with the Chair of the Governors' Panel to fill vacancies in the cases of urgency.
- 22.2 To approve the removal of local authority representatives appointed as school governors subject to a right of appeal against such decision to the Governors' Panel
23. To approve adjustments to the specification for the cleaning of County Council buildings and the provision of catering services and grounds maintenance services subject, in the case of buildings and catering services and grounds maintenance services not the responsibility of the Children's Services Department to prior consultation with the appropriate Director.
24. To set price increases for school meals under the school meals contract at a rate not to exceed the rate of inflation for food and labour costs, in consultation with the contractor, the prices to be reviewed twice yearly with increases taking effect immediately after the February half term and at the start of the Autumn term.
25. To set fees and charges for music tuition and instrument hire.
26. To make grants to county-wide voluntary organisations for community education and educational development purposes.
27. To authorise expenditure or donations of up to £5,000 by a charity for which the County Council is trustee, and whose purposes relate, among others things, to the advancement of education, subject to consultation with the Chief Executive.

### *Services for Children and Young People*

28. To exercise all the powers and duties of the County Council in accordance with general policies from time to time laid down by the Cabinet for the administration of any arrangements made under the Children Act 1989, the Children Act 2004, or other relevant legislation with respect to services for children and young people. This power includes specifically:
  - (a) approving expenditure in respect of any one family in any period of 12 months of up to £10,000 under Section 17 of the 1989 Act and £5,000 under Section 24 of the 1989 Act (both sums to be updated annually by the Chief Operating Officer to take account of inflation);
  - (b) giving and refusing consents and imposing and cancelling requirements and prohibitions in respect of the private fostering of children, removing a child under the Adoption Act 1976, and making exemptions to the usual fostering limits under the Children Act 1989;

- (c) authorising in exceptional cases variations from the scale of charges and allowances approved by the Cabinet from time to time for a particular service provided for children and young people;
  - (d) in respect of children in care, consenting or withholding consent to applications for residence orders where it is in the best interests of the child concerned; and
  - (e) exercising the powers and duties of the Council in respect of children and young people in their care or being looked after by them, including the power to place children and young persons in accommodation to meet their special needs and to appoint independent persons as visitors.
29. To undertake all the powers and duties of the County Council as an adoption agency having regard to the recommendations of the Adoption Panel and to approve the charge for home-study assessments for inter-country adoptions in accordance with the policy agreed by the Cabinet.
30. To undertake statutory visits to children's homes.
31. To make permanent or temporary variations in the approved number of places at any Children's Services establishment.
32. To enforce, make applications and representations to a Court or Magistrate and authorise, institute and defend proceedings under any enactment which stand referred to the Cabinet, in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive.
33. To agree to the payment of up to 75% of the travelling expenses of employees to and from work at residential and day care establishments where recruitment is difficult.
34. To purchase groceries, meat and other domestic provisions locally for residential and day care establishments under the control of the Cabinet: (a) if satisfactory tenders are unlikely to be obtained; and (b) where client training is involved.
35. To authorise expenditure in relation to children up to a net contribution by the County Council of £20,000 in any one case on alterations/adaptations to premises under section 2, Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.
36. To exercise all the powers of the Cabinet, in such matters as the Director considers urgent, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet member relating to:
- (a) the approval of applications under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 involving a net cost to the County

Council of more than £20,000 in so far as they relate to children (see Delegation 36); and

- (b) applications for expenditure under sections 17 and 24 of the Children Act 1989 in excess of the sums set in delegation 27(a).
37. To make ex gratia payments of up to £1,000 where justified under the Children's Services Department's complaints procedure.
  38. To provide individuals or families with family placements and residential and day care accommodation within any agreed policy of the Council.
  39. To appoint the members (except for the appointment of any members who are County Councillors) of the Adoption and Permanence panels in accordance with the Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005.
  40. To appoint the members (except for the appointment of any members who are County Councillors) of the Fostering Panel in accordance with the Fostering Services Regulations 2002.
  41. To appoint representatives of the Local Safeguarding Children Board in accordance with the Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006.
  42. To grant licences and to approve bodies of persons to enable children to take part in public performances under Section 37 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963.

**E. Director of Adult Social Care and Health**

1. To exercise all the powers and duties of the County Council in accordance with general policies from time to time laid down by the Cabinet for the administration of any arrangements made under relevant legislation with respect to services for adults including people with disabilities. This power includes specifically:
  - (a) arrangements made under Section 29, National Assistance Act 1948, Section 45, Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 and Section 2, Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and the Health and Social Care Act 2001(expenditure authorised up to a net contribution by the County Council of £50,000 in any one case on alterations/ adaptations to premises);
  - (b) waiving assessed contributions for adaptations to premises/ provision of equipment in exceptional circumstances;
  - (c) authorising the Assistant Director Operations to be appointed as the Council's nominee for obtaining Grants of Probate and dealing with related matters and to seek appointment as Deputy in appropriate cases;
  - (d) under the Mental Health Act 1983 as amended, and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 appointing approved social workers/authorised mental health professionals, Best Interest Assessors and Independent Mental Capacity Advocates, accepting guardianship applications and making orders for the discharge of patients subject to guardianship, acting as the Supervisory Body in relation to the Deprivation of Liberty safeguards and undertaking functions in relation to those safeguards under the Mental Capacity Act 2005;
  - (e) under the NHS and Community Care Act 1990, (i) increasing the limits paid for residential care in line with published DSS rates and, when they are no longer published, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer to take account of inflation; (ii) approving, in special circumstances, packages of home support costing more than net residential care costs; (iii) making payments to providers of individual care quarterly in advance where the provider will not accept any other terms; and (iv) amending the eligibility criteria in respect of community care services as circumstances dictate;
  - (f) disregarding the value of a former dwelling in assessing the client's contribution towards the cost of residential accommodation where it is considered reasonable to do so in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer (and where appropriate the relevant Cabinet member); and
  - (g) under Section 22(7), Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983, taking charges against interests

in property in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive and entering into deferred payments arrangements under Section 55 Health and Social Care Act 2001.

2. To make permanent or temporary variations in the approved number of places at any Adult Social Care establishment.
3. To purchase groceries, meat and other domestic provisions locally for residential and day care establishments under the control of the Cabinet:  
(a) if satisfactory tenders are unlikely to be obtained; and (b) where client training is involved.
4. To make grants from the allocation for discretionary grants agreed by the Cabinet up to a total, for any one organisation in any period of three years, of £1,000 except where:
  - (a) the organisation has been refused a grant by the Cabinet unless the Cabinet has specifically agreed that a grant from the discretionary allocation may be given;
  - (b) the organisation is at the time in receipt of a grant from the Cabinet; or
  - (c) the organisation has received a grant from the allocation for the past three years.
5. To exercise all the powers of the Cabinet, in such matters as the Director considers urgent, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet member relating to the approval of applications under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 involving a net cost to the County Council of more than £20,000 (see delegation G1 (a) so far as these do not relate to children).
6. To make ex gratia payments of up to £1,000 where justified under the Adult Social Care Department's complaints procedure.
7. To exercise all of the County Council's powers in relation to the misuse of Blue Badges including (but not limited to) the powers under section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and in relation to offences under section 117 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Fraud Act 2006 and the Theft Act 1968.

**F Assistant Chief Executive**

1.
  - (a) To perform the role of Solicitor to the Council and, as such, to be its chief legal adviser.
  - (b) To institute, defend and carry on legal proceedings to protect the County Council's interest or to implement a decision made by it or on its behalf or for the recovery of any debt or sum due to it and to negotiate and settle claims.
  - (c) To exercise the County Council's powers to institute proceedings:
    - (i) for alleged contravention of bylaws made by it;
    - (ii) under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Part 1;
    - (iii) under the Education Act 1996, section 547;
  - (d) To institute or defend criminal proceedings on behalf of the County Council.
  - (e)
    - (i) To exercise the powers, and to institute proceedings, under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, Sections 77 to 79.
    - (ii) In consultation with the relevant Chief Officer, to authorise legal proceedings for the recovery of land.
2. To sign, present or sue on petitions in bankruptcy and applications for winding up, to make affidavits, proofs of debts and proxies and to take all necessary action under the Insolvency Act 1986 on behalf of the County Council as shall appear to him to be expedient and in the interests of the Council.

*Note:*

*It is a condition of this delegation that the relevant member of the Cabinet shall be consulted where residents in homes are involved.*
3. To appoint authorised officers (for surveillance purposes) and designated person and single points of contact (for the purposes of communications data) under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
4. To grant dispensations relieving a member from either or both of the restrictions (participating in discussions and in voting)
5. To appoint Independent Persons for the Standards Committee and to determine the rules and procedures for investigations and hearings by the full Standards Committee or any sub committee of the Standards Committee

6. To determine requests by officers and members for assistance under the indemnity with respect to civil liability, except in the case of requests for assistance by members in respect of breaches of the Members' code of Conduct, where the Chief Executive shall determine such requests.
7. To require information as to interests in land under a power conferred upon the County Council by any Act.
8. To exercise the Council's powers and duties under:
  - (a) the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006;
  - (b) the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 to set charges for copy documents and other matters;
  - (c) section 3 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (politically restricted posts).
9.
  - (a) After undertaking consultations, as appropriate, or, in the case of appointments under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 on receipt of nominations, to appoint members, and fill vacancies.
  - (b) In consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve the appointment of delegates to attend conferences at which the County Council is invited to be represented and at meetings of bodies of which the County Council is a member and to appoint substitutes.
10. To appoint a person(s) to consider representations made by objectors who request a hearing under Section 6(1) of the Commons Registration (East Sussex) Act 1994 and to report to the Cabinet regarding those representations.
11. In relation to school admission appeal panels:
  - (i) to appoint a panel of persons from whom Appeal Panels can be drawn, to comprise: (a) those persons who either have experience in education or are familiar with local educational circumstances or are parents of children currently at a school and whose names he has approved; and (b) those persons who have responded to statutory advertisements for lay members, or who otherwise meet the statutory criteria to serve as lay members, and whose names he has approved;
  - (ii) to constitute from time to time Appeal Panels by the selection of three panel members, subject to statutory requirements;
  - (iii) to appoint panel members as Chairs of Appeal Panels;



- (iv) to approve a list of persons for appointment to Appeal Panels established by governors of voluntary aided schools.
- 12. To make arrangements pursuant to section 95(2) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (appeals by governing bodies in relation to admitting excluded pupils)
- 13. In relation to Independent Review Panels for school exclusions:
  - (i) to appoint a panel of persons from whom Independent Review Panels can be drawn, to be comprised of one from each of the following three groups: (a) lay panel members, defined as those who have not worked in a school in a paid capacity, although they may have been a school governor or worked as a volunteer; (b) those members who must be, or have been, a governor of a maintained school provided they have served in this capacity for at least 12 months in the last 5 years (but must not be or have been a teacher or headteacher); and (c) those members who are, or have been in the last five years a headteacher of a maintained school. In the event of an exclusion from a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), the member can either be a headteacher from a maintained school or a teacher in charge of a PRU;
  - (ii) to constitute from time to time Independent Review Panels by the selection of one panel member from each of the three categories above;
  - (iii) to meet statutory requirements, to appoint only lay members as Chairs of Independent Review Panels;
  - (iv) to approve a list of persons for appointment to Independent Review Panels established by governors of voluntary aided schools.
- 14. To enter into model agreements, as amended, under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 or any re-enactment thereof.
- 15. In consultation with the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport and the Chief Operating Officer to agree, on behalf of the County Council, to acquire land pursuant to the service on the County Council under Section 150 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 of a valid blight notice in respect of land which is blighted under any of paragraphs 13-18 of Schedule 13 to that Act provided he is satisfied that no grounds exist for service of a counter-notice under Section 151 of the 1990 Act.
- 16. To determine claimed public rights of way pursuant to Section 53(5) of the wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

*Note:*

- (i) *The Assistant Chief Executive has been designated as the Monitoring Officer under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.*
  
- (ii) *The Assistant Chief Executive has been authorised to make decisions at Stage 2 of the internal dispute resolution procedure under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (Note: the Pension Compliance Manager has been authorised to deal with Stage 1 disputes).*

**G. Chief Finance Officer**

1. To make arrangements for the borrowing of such money as the County Council has decided shall be borrowed in accordance with such policy as may be laid down from time to time by the Council and subject to the receipt of the necessary Government approvals.
2. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989:
  - (a) to issue bonds and to deal with allied detailed matters as reported to the Cabinet;
  - (b) to issue bills in accordance with conditions reported to the Cabinet.

*Note: Delegation 2 above is granted subject to the Chief Operating Officer's reporting at regular intervals to the Cabinet on action taken.*

3. To be responsible for implementing the policy decided by the Pension Committee and to act on its behalf in special or emergency situations where delay in the purchase or sale of investments might be detrimental to the interests of the East Sussex Pension Fund.
4. To authorise the approval of the terms of an admission agreement and any related bond or indemnity, with a body to which staff are being transferred under a Best Value arrangement, to participate in the East Sussex Pension Scheme.
5. To approve any requests, and undertake any necessary actions in connection with designating any employees, or class of employees, of the governing body of a foundation school as being eligible for membership of the East Sussex Pension Fund
6. To undertake any necessary actions in connection with admission of any academies to the East Sussex Pension Fund as scheme employers
7. To approve the terms of an Admission Agreement, together with any related bond or indemnity, under which a community association body may participate in the East Sussex Pension Scheme
8. After consultation with the relevant Cabinet members (subject to the provisions of Financial Regulations) to:
  - (a) authorise transfers between budget headings;
  - (b) vary the capital programme;
  - (c) deal with urgent budgetary matters;
  - (d) deal with urgent matters relating to borrowing, investments and excusal of debts; and

- (e) vary the interest rate chargeable for staff housing advances.
9. After consultation with the Director of Adult Social Care and Health, to set future inter authority and standard charges for residential and day care accommodation, in accordance with the formula recommended by the Local Government Association.

*Note: The Chief Finance Officer has been designated as the Officer with responsibility for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.*