

UPDATE ON LEGAL SERVICES REVIEW

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates Members on progress with the Legal Services Review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the terms of the report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Legal Services review which has been subject to scrutiny by the Audit Committee was overtaken by the modernisation of the Council which led to a reconfiguration of Legal and Protective Services with the legal element being amalgamated with elements from Governance to create Governance and Law. As part of the Council's Corporate Service Review process there is an ongoing review of the Governance and Law function which will result in a reconfiguration of Service delivery structures. This should be given effect to from 1 April 2011.

- 3.2 In regard to the ongoing work to enhance and improve the regulatory function of the Council Governance and Law have been working with the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to provide a new structure for Service delivery which again will implement on 1 April 2011.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy	None
Finance	The new arrangements will see a reduction in the cost of delivery of service.
Legal	The reconfiguration of Services may have implications for staff
Equal Opportunities	

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