

ERW JOINT COMMITTEE 2 NOVEMBER 2016

Legal Agreement

Purpose: Revision of Legal Agreement

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- 1) Joint Committee to consider the proposals for variation of the Legal Agreement below and recommended changes as appropriate.
- 2) Each authority be invited to review the current Legal Agreement including any proposals made by the Executive Board, and submit suggestions for variation/amendments to the ERW Monitoring Officer within 21 days of receipt of such notice.

REASONS:

The current Legal Agreement has been in place since 2014. There is a need to revise the Agreement to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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LEGAL AGREEMENT

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Proposed Changes

These may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Update Lead Functions, and arrangements for variation
- 2) Set out Service-Level agreements/Non- Service-Level agreement arrangements
- 3) Include a Scheme of Delegation- Officers
- 4) Include Challenge Adviser requirements
- 5) Strengthening of definitions
- 6) Clarification of Financial and Audit requirements
- 7) Clarification of role of Executive Board.
- 8) Lead Officers- period of appointment/notice period for change
- 9) Clarification of Funding sources
- 10) Clarification of extent of Legal function

Variation of Legal Agreement

Paragraph 25 of the Agreement states that the Executive Board in consultation with the Joint Committee may at any time recommend changes to the Agreement by giving notice in writing to each authority. It is proposed that each authority is invited to review the current Agreement by way of informal consultation, submit suggestions for variation/amendments to the ERW Monitoring Officer within 21 days of receipt of such notice. Those responses to be collated, and draft Variation Agreement to be prepared and circulated to each authority's Legal Services, prior to formal consultation, in accordance with paragraph 25.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

None

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THERE ARE NONE

