

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		7 July 2016	
PORTFOLIO:		Options	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services)	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Amendment to the Scheme of Delegation 2016/17	
EXEMPT REPORT:	No		
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for an amendment to the scheme of delegation of non-executive functions to officers in respect of tree preservation orders.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council agrees to amend the scheme of delegation to officers as proposed in paragraph 3.2 below.

3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background

- 3.1 The Council's constitution requires that the scheme of delegation to officers is approved annually at the AGM. It is also good practice to review the scheme of delegation regularly to keep it up to date. This helps to ensure that the Council's decision-making processes operate as effectively as possible.
- 3.2 Currently officers have power to make and confirm tree preservation orders without any member involvement in what is often a sensitive and emotive issue. It is proposed that the scheme of delegation is amended to give delegated power to the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer as follows:

1.2.17	To make and confirm Tree Preservation Orders where satisfied that trees are in danger of felling or lopping or to preserve the amenity of an area	Following consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, save where the possibility of felling or lopping is so imminent that time does not permit consultation to take place
--------	---	---

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Council could elect not to approve the proposed amendment

5. Consultations

5.1 Not applicable

6. Implications

Financial implications (including mainstreaming)	None.
Legal and human rights implications	None, other than those set out in paragraph 3 of this report
Assessment of risk	None
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	None

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985: List of Background Papers

None

8. Freedom of Information

8.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.