

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2258

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 1 March 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership Review
Report of:	Leigh Usher
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership and asks the Executive to consider extending the existing arrangements for a further two-year period.

Due to the success of the Partnership and following detailed discussions between senior officers of both Councils, it is proposed that the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services partnership be extended. Following the resource challenges experienced by both Councils during 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is suggested that a full review of the partnership be carried out during the 2 year period which may result in a revised and updated Deed of Delegation, should the recommendation be to continue with the partnership.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor L Keeble addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to continue the partnership arrangements for the Southampton and Fareham Legal Services Partnership for an interim period of two years, with a full review of the partnership to be carried out by March 2023, which may result in a revised and updated Deed of Delegation; and
- (b) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Leader, to enter into such arrangements as are necessary and on such term as are reasonable.

Reason:

To continue to provide a robust and resilient legal service at an affordable cost to Fareham Borough Council.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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