

Portfolio Holder Decision

Subject: Development Services Management Structure – Approval of Restructure and Saving Proposals

Taken by: Cllr J Davison

Date of decision:

Details of Decision: Recommendation that :-

It is RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Improvement approve the Revised Structure and savings proposals to replace the current Head of Development Services post.

The main elements of the Revised Structure and savings proposals are shown at Appendix One and as follows:-

Deletion of the existing Head of Development Services post, and the creation of a Group Manager Planning post, Development Control Manager post and Planning Policy Team Leader, together with the subsequent changes in reporting lines, in order to achieve savings of £35,000 - £40,000 per year (subject to other necessary adjustments such as job evaluation and current allowances to these and related posts).

Documents considered:

(Please attach the report including recommendations for action and list all others)

Please see the attached document, 'Development Services Management Structure'.

Reasons for Decision:

The present Planning Partnership with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council will end in mid May 2012 at the request of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Taking into account the experience of this Partnership and the separate trial running of a Planning Services Manager post, the Proposed Structure should give clear service leadership at a suitable level, ensure adequate resources of Development Control and deliver a saving of around £35,000 to £40,000 relative to the existing budget.

Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service consulted.

Management Team, Heads of Service, relevant Service Managers and Finance Team.

Signed by Portfolio Holder: Cllr Jill Davison

Record made by:

Date: