Recommended Item from Council held on 14TH November 2012

596. RECOMMENDED ITEMS FROM STRATEGIC ALLIANCE JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST OCTOBER, 2012 MIN. NO. SA*/* - JOINT WORKING PROPOSALS EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Chief Executive Officer submitted a recommended item from the Strategic Alliance Joint Committee held on 31st October, 2012.

Members were advised that the Strategic Alliance was formed 20 months ago, with the clear intention of protecting frontline services by working together to explore every opportunity to find savings and efficiencies following the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review. Joint working to-date has been achieved using a number of models: Joint Contracts – Senior Management, Hosted Services – Environmental Health and Administrative Arrangements – Street Scene.

The proposal will need to be represented in an agreement. This will ensure that any arrangements are properly governed in line with Members' wishes on things such as termination, initial period of agreement and indemnities.

There will also be occasions when arrangements need only be temporary. These could be dealt with under secondment as they are likely to be less than 12 months. For this to happen it would require that delegated powers be granted to the Joint Head of Paid Services in consultation with both Leaders, Deputy Leaders and Portfolio Holders to make secondments in and out of both Authorities.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson **RESOLVED** that (1) Council agrees the principles in respect of administrative arrangements and secondments,

(2) delegated powers be granted to the Joint Chief Executive Officer following consultation with both Leaders, Deputy Leaders and the relevant Portfolio Holders to make secondments in and out of both Authorities,

(3) a report on the progress of the Strategic Alliance be submitted on a quarterly basis.

(Standards Committee)