

## **UPDATE PAPER ON CRITICAL PATH AND MILESTONES**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Update paper reviewing the high level milestones and critical path presented at SLB May 2008 meeting</b>
<b>Action required:</b>	<b>To note</b>

### **Background**

It is now appropriate at this point in the programme (i.e. 6 months after the announcement of the decisions by the Executive) to review the high level milestones and critical path.

The initial critical path analysis (May 2008) set out our understanding of the programme at its inception, and was based on the analysis of key dates and priorities as understood at that date.

Since then the policy development and implementation structures have been developed and agreed, with Policy Development Panels in operation, and ready to deliver their initial findings on legislative requirements.

### **Update**

On Wednesday 5 November a cross sectoral planning day is scheduled to allow the key participants in the restructuring process to discuss the key milestones and priorities to deliver the 11 new councils by May 2011.

The critical path and milestone details are also informed by the PDPs, and a key step in the critical path which has emerged is the study being carried out under the auspices of PDP C on the Organisational Design. The study is in two phases; phase

1 covering organisational issues reporting to PDP C, and phase 2 reporting directly to SLB covering the wider Cost/benefit for the restructuring programme.

In the implementation phase planning will be co-ordinated by the Regional Transition Co-ordinating Group, and as more detail emerges at the operational level, further updates will be brought to the Strategic Leadership Board.

Another key issue which affects the critical path is the failure of the Executive to meet. Legislation necessary to bring forward a number of the key elements of the programme are affected including severance and the legislative underpinning for transition committees. This adds a risk to the deliverability of the programme within the timeframe, and is a material change since the critical path was last examined.

See updated timeline (Gantt chart entitled: *Local Government Implementation Plan 2008-2011*)

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