

## Decision by officer following Specific Delegation from Council/Committee

1	Committee delegating decision	Policy & Resources Committee
2	Date of meeting	27 July 2015
3	What decision was delegated: (from decision notice/minutes)	<p><b><u>Urgent Decision – Authority to Instruct Counsel</u></b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and/or the Monitoring Officer to instruct Counsel in the matter.</p> <p><i>(Reason – to enable the council to respond to the Criminal Cases Review Commission’s decision to refer the case back to the Crown Court.)</i></p>
4	Minute number	98
5	Any declarations of interest made by Councillors at the Committee in relation to this decision.	None
6	Date delegated decision made:	2/4/15 to seek QC, 20/4/15 to decide which QC.
7	Officer making the decision:	Sharn Matthews, Monitoring Officer
8	What decision was made under the delegation?	For the Monitoring Officer to ask LGSS to appoint Counsel to advise as to the most appropriate course of action to take by the council in relation to the Criminal Cases Review Commission’s decision to refer the case back to the Crown Court.
9	Reason(s) for the decision taken:	To mitigate any risks for the council arising from the decision to refer the case back to the Crown Court
10	Were any other options considered and why were they rejected?	None – not to get appropriately experience legal advise was considered to be a high risk strategy for the council.
11	Documents that were considered when making this decision: (The documents must be kept for 4 years from the date of decision )	Northampton Crown Court Notice of Directions Meeting letter dated 30/3/15. E-mail appointing specific QCSCM and LGSS dated 21/5/15
12	Any reasons why part or all of this report should be redacted before publication	No.

Notes for completion:

1. Boxes in grey will be completed by Democratic Services and emailed to the relevant officer for report completion.

2. When the decision has been made, the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic services for publication on the council's website in line with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.