

Report to the Annual Meeting of the Council

Appointment of Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members, Allocation of Portfolios to Cabinet Members and Determination of the Delegation of Executive Functions

Report of: The Leader of the Council

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Reason for Decision

The Leader of the Council is able to modify Cabinet responsibilities and has undertaken to notify Council of any such changes. The Leader holds the responsibility for determining the size and membership of the Cabinet and the roles that individual cabinet members may undertake, including any delegations that are specific to them, together with any delegations of the executive functions.

Recommendations

That Council receives for information, details of the Leader's appointments to the role of Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member positions and the allocation of portfolios to Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Member positions and the delegation of the executive functions for 2025/2026.

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1 Background

The Council's Executive functions are devolved to the Leader. It is the responsibility of the Leader to appoint Cabinet Members to assist in the execution of the executive functions and to notify Council of the necessary appointments and any variations.

The Leader of the Council has responsibility for the appointment of members to the Cabinet, the allocation of portfolios and the delegation of executive functions. The scheme of delegation is made pursuant to the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Leader may in respect of those functions not specially allocated under the scheme of delegation discharge any of those functions himself/herself or arrange for the discharge of those functions:

- a) by the Executive;
- b) by another Member of the Executive;
- c) by a Committee of the Executive;
- d) by an Area Committee
- e) by an Officer of the Council.
- f) by a Joint Committee

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Cabinet is not required to be politically balanced.

The executive portfolios are detailed as attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The delegation of executive functions are confirmed to be:

- Those described in the relevant sections of Part 3 of the Constitution ("Responsibility for Functions").
- To permit Executive Members to make decisions individually in accordance with their portfolios areas in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer, in relation to contracts which have a value of £100k-£250k.

2 Options/Alternatives

2.1 Council to note the information.

3 Preferred Option

3.1 n/a

4 Consultation

4.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant officers and councillors.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 The Members' Allowance Scheme contains special responsibility allowances for the Leader, Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members.

6 **Legal Implications**

6.1 There are no legal comments (Alex Bougatef)

7 **Equality Impact including implications for Children and Young Persons**

7.1 No

8 **Key Decision**

8.1 No

9 **Key Decision Reference**

9.1 n/a

10 **Background Papers**

10.1 There are no background papers to this report on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

11 **Appendices**

Cabinet Portfolios 2025/2026