

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Changes to Cabinet Appointments and Council Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2013 the Council Leader appointed members of the Cabinet and their individual portfolio areas. Appointments were also made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, a number of changes have recently been made to Cabinet Members and their portfolio areas by the Leader. As a consequence, a number of changes are now required to the list of Council and outside bodies.

Background

2. With effect from Thursday 16 April 2014, the Cabinet Leader has advised of a reshuffle of his Cabinet Members and their portfolio areas. In accordance with the Constitution the Monitoring Officer is required to report the consequential changes to the portfolios described in Part 3B, paragraph 2 of the Constitution as follows:

Cabinet Leader and Economic Development – James Alexander

Economic Development and Regeneration

Policy, Strategy and Partnerships

Business and Policy Support

Staff Relations

Business and Skills Development

Internationalisation

Digital Infrastructure

National Transport Infrastructure (in liaison with Cabinet Member for Transport)

Deputy Cabinet Leader – Tracey Simpson-Laing

Civic and Democratic Services (inc. Scrutiny)

Electoral Services

Legal Services

Homes and Safer Communities – Tracey Simpson-Laing

Housing Landlord (HRA)

Housing General

Strategic Housing

Domestic Violence (joint with Cabinet Member for Health and Community Engagement)

Safer Neighbourhoods

Anti-Social Behaviour

Licensing Enforcement

Licensing Policy (in conjunction with Chair of Licensing)

Trading Standards

Youth Offending

Environmental Health

Alcohol and Drugs Action

Licensing and Bereavement

Registrar

Transport – David Levene

Civil Engineering and Highways

Parking Services

Transport Strategy

Parking Strategy

Highways Strategy

Reinvigorate York

Taxi Licensing (in conjunction with Chair of Licensing)

Regional Transport Infrastructure (in liaison with Cabinet Leader)

Finance and Performance – Dafydd Williams

Customer Services

Human Resources and Payroll

Financial Services

Financial Procedures and Risk Management

Performance and Business Assurance

Procurement Services

Business Change

Health and Safety

Fraud

Property Services

Council Accommodation

Business Continuity

Financial Inclusion

Emergency Planning

Communications and Media

Cleaning Services

Re-Wiring Public Services through Transformation Programme

Environmental Services, Planning and Sustainability – Dave Merrett

Planning
Environment Strategy
Carbon Reduction
Conservation and Urban Design
Flood Protection
Air Quality
Smarter York
Waste Management
Street Environment
Waste Management Strategy (Client)
Local Plan
Fleet Management
Facilitating development
Reinvigorate York (planning input)

Leisure, Culture and Tourism – Sonja Crisp

Libraries
Leisure
Parks
Arts and Culture
Heritage
Tourism
City Centre Management, Markets and Events
Diversity Peer review

Health and Community Engagement – Linsay Cunningham-Cross

Domestic Violence (in conjunction with Cabinet Member for Homes and Stronger Communities as part of Public Health remit)
Community Engagement
Volunteering
Fair Trade
Parish Council liaison
Equalities and Inclusion
Public Health
Services for carers
Adult Safeguarding
Assessment and Personalisation
Older People, Mental Health, Respite
Commissioning and Partnerships

Education, Children and Young People – Janet Looker

School Improvement and Staff Development

Children and Families

Partnerships and Early Intervention

Resource Management

Lifelong Learning

Youth Services

School Place Planning

Play Policy

3. Appointments were also made at the Annual Meeting to a number of Committees, outside and partnership bodies and as a result of the subsequent change in portfolio responsibilities a number of changes are required to the previously agreed list, as set out at Annex B.
4. These matters have been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of the timing of forthcoming meetings and in order to align the Cabinet Members to their new portfolio areas, constitutionally.
5. The Monitoring Officer has authority, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make these minor drafting changes to the Constitution to enact the revisions to portfolio areas made by the Council Leader. Annex A to this report sets out the new functional areas of responsibility aligned to the new Cabinet Member portfolios.

Consultation

6. As this report is mainly for information no further consultation is required.

Options

7. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the changes to the outside and other bodies as set out at Annex B of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

8. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matters before Members, namely to note changes to Cabinet Member portfolio areas and approve consequential nominations to places on Committees and outside bodies:
- Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

10. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to committees, advisory committees, sub Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal. Following the enactment of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which required councils to adopt new executive arrangements, the Leader is empowered to appoint his Cabinet and make changes to it.

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendation

12. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee are asked to:
- (i) Note the changes in Cabinet Members and their portfolio areas together with their revised functional responsibilities set out at Annex A.
 - (ii) Agree the changes to the appointments to the bodies listed at Annex B, for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year.

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

Annex A – Revised Cabinet Members functional responsibilities

Annex B – List of Revised Appointments