

ASSEMBLY

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Title: Revised Schedule of Cabinet Portfolios	
Report of: The Leader of the Council	
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Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 as amended, the Leader of the Council can appoint Cabinet Members, subject to the requirement that the Cabinet has no more than ten and no less than three members at any one time.</p> <p>The Council Constitution provides for the Leader of the Council to inform the Assembly of changes to the schedule of Cabinet Members and their allocated portfolios and these are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.</p> <p>The changes take into account the need for a dedicated Cabinet Member to focus solely on finance as the Council sets the budget for the coming year.</p> <p>Accordingly, as a consequence of the portfolio changes, Council representation on various internal and external bodies will require to be amended.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>The Assembly is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to note the revised schedule of Cabinet Members and Portfolios at set out in Appendix 1, and2. agree consequential changes to the appointment of Council representation on various internal and external bodies as reported to Annual Assembly on 16 May 2012.	
Reason(s) <p>To comply with the Council's Constitution.</p>	

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1. In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended), the Leader of the Council has the power to appoint Councillors to the Cabinet, ranging from a minimum of three to a maximum of ten Councillors. The current number of portfolio roles sets a requirement for a Cabinet of ten Members at this time. Any less would require a review of the makeup and reallocation of portfolio responsibilities.
- 1.2. The Council Constitution provides for the Assembly to appoint representatives to outside bodies and partnerships.

2. Proposal and Issues

- 2.1 The changes to the portfolio responsibilities are set out in **Appendix 1** to this report and take into account the need for a dedicated Cabinet Member to focus solely on finance as the Council sets the budget for the coming year. Councillor Rocky Gill, Deputy Leader of the Council, who was responsible for Education and Finance, has been appointed to that role.
- 2.2 Education responsibilities have been reunited with other services for children and Councillor White has been appointed to that portfolio.
- 2.3 Councillor Reason has been appointed as Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Human Resources
- 2.4 Councillor Collins has been appointed as Cabinet Member for Customer Services.
- 2.5 As a consequence of the portfolio changes, it is necessary to update Council representation on various internal and external bodies.

3. Options Appraisal

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council Constitution (Article 2, Part B paragraph 8.2.1.10), the Leader of the Council may at any time assign portfolios in defined areas of Council activity to individual Members of the Cabinet and report those changes (for information) to the next available Assembly meeting.

4. Consultation – n/a

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Implications completed by: David Abbott, Principal Accountant
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- 5.2 There are no financial implications as a result of this report. The overall number of Cabinet Members will remain the same (ten), and are funded by existing budgets.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Implications completed by: Paul Feild Senior Lawyer
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6.2 The Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 establishes the role of the Leader of the Council and enables him to make the revisions set out in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with Part B, Article 2 of the Council's Constitution.

7. Other Implications - None

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Schedule of Cabinet Members and Portfolios