

Annual Council Meeting	
Meeting Date	20 May 2015
Report Title	Appointment of Council Leader
Cabinet Member	Leader
SMT Lead	Director of Corporate Services
Lead Officer	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council elects the Leader of the Council 2. That Council notes the Cabinet Membership and the terms of reference for the portfolios as set out in Appendix I and that the Scheme of Delegation in Part 3 of the Constitution, in respect of Executive functions, be amended accordingly.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 Under Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Cabinet comprises the Leader and a least two and not more than nine Members (ten Members in total).

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees may not be members of the Cabinet.

2 Background

- 2.1 Part 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required Councils to adopt either a new style Leader and Cabinet Executive (Model 1) or an elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive (Model 2). Following public consultation, the Council chose to Model 1 – the new style Leader and Cabinet Executive.
- 2.1 Under the Strong Leader Model, the Leader is elected for a four year term of office and can decide arrangements in terms of designating the Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Members and their portfolio arrangements, including their terms of reference. Whilst this is within the Leader’s gift, it was agreed that Council would be notified.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Council are required to elect the Leader of the Council and note the Cabinet Membership proposed by the Leader together with an outline of portfolio responsibilities as set out in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	A clear scheme of delegation leads to improved governance and to the Council becoming a High Performing Organisation.
Financial, Resource and Property	None identified at this stage.
Legal and Statutory	<p>The Constitution provides that:</p> <p>The Leader will determine the size of the Cabinet and appoint between two and nine Members of the Council to the Cabinet. The Leader will allocate areas of responsibility i.e. Portfolios to them and be able to remove them from the Cabinet at any time. The Leader will determine the scheme of delegation for the discharge of the Executive functions of the Council and report to the Council all appointments and changes to the Cabinet.</p>
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Table of Cabinet Membership and Cabinet Portfolios.

8 Background Papers

None.