

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

22 MAY 2008

**REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

Leader of the Council – Councillor K Lupton

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

1. Summary

This report provides details of proposed changes to the current Cabinet Member portfolio responsibilities.

2. Recommendation

That the proposed changes specified at paragraphs 2 - 4 of and Appendix 2 to the report be recommended to Council for approval.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To ensure that there is a more appropriate fit with the current functionally based approach to Cabinet portfolios.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise,

immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;

- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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DETAIL

1. The current Cabinet Member portfolios are attached at **Appendix 1** to the report.
2. It is proposed to establish an additional Cabinet Member portfolio by separating the existing Corporate and Social Inclusion portfolio into two. This involves the creation of a Corporate Management and Finance portfolio and a separate Access and Communities portfolio. It is considered that this fits more appropriately with the present functionally based approach to Cabinet portfolios. The two new portfolios are attached at **Appendix 2**.
3. In addition, it is proposed to extend the Leader's portfolio to include the following:-
 - Sports Development
 - Tourism
 - Development of Tees Valley Sport Partnership
 - High Achievement in Sport - Strategy and Policy
4. If agreed this will necessitate amendments to the Regeneration and Transport and Arts, Leisure and Culture portfolios. The revised Leader, Regeneration and Transport and Arts, Leisure and Culture portfolios are also shown at Appendix 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The creation of an additional portfolio will involve an extra special responsibility allowance.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. There are no identifiable risks relating to the proposals.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

8. The impact relates to corporate and social inclusion service areas.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9. An Equality Impact Assessment is not considered to be required.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

10. Members affected by the proposed changes have been consulted.

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Background Papers Appendices to the report

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not Ward Specific

Property None