

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

11 SEPTEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

CABINET DECISION

Leader – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Lupton

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

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3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

- (i) To appoint Councillor Coleman to the relevant Outside Bodies following his appointment to Cabinet as Cabinet Member for Access and Communities.

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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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Outside Bodies have the relevant insurance

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

The appointments will support the Access and Communities theme of the Sustainable Community Strategy

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None

CORPORATE PARENTING

None

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

Consultation with relevant Political Group Leaders and relevant Cabinet Members

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Background Papers

Cabinet report and minutes from the meetings held on 24th April 2008 and 9th July 2008

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

Not Ward Specific

Property

No implications