

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

24 APRIL 2014

REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION/

Leader of the Council - Councillor Cook

EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Summary

This report details the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet Members, Cabinet Member portfolios and executive functions and delegated powers under the Council's Constitution. The Leader is committed to undertaking a full review of all Cabinet portfolios before the end of this municipal year.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council, as outlined in the report, be noted.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

To note the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet Members, their portfolios and executive functions and delegated powers.

4. Members Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, 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 and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

Cabinet Members

1. At the Annual Meeting on 2 April 2014 the Leader of the Council confirmed the continuing appointment of Cabinet Members as follows:-

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| The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health | Councillor Beall |
| The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture | Councillor Dixon |
| The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport | Councillor Smith |
| The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | Councillor Mrs McCoy |
| The Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Finance | Councillor Harrington |
| The Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety | Councillor Nelson |
| The Cabinet Member for Environment | Councillor Rose |
| The Cabinet Member for Access and Communities | Councillor Coleman |

Cabinet Member Portfolios

2. The Leader also confirmed the portfolios of each Cabinet Member. The details are attached at the **Appendix** to the report.
3. The Leader is committed to undertaking a full review of all Cabinet portfolios before the end of this municipal year.

Executive Functions and Delegated Powers

4. The Cabinet's executive functions and powers, including those delegated to Officers, have been agreed by the Leader, as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
5. An updated version of the Constitution will be accessible shortly on the Authority's website, via the following link <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/goodgovernance/councilconstitution/>
The version which is current for the purposes of this report is the one which has been available on Outlook – Public Folders – SBC Constitution.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

6. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The Members' Allowances Scheme for 2014/15, which includes allowances for Cabinet Members, has previously been agreed by Council. Council agreed on the 26 February that Members' allowances would again be frozen, so there is no change in Members' Allowances for 2014/15.

Legal

7. The Leader's decisions reaffirm the Authority's Executive for 2014/15, and the executive functions and delegated powers for this current municipal year as required by the Local Government Act 2000 and the Localism Act 2011.

RISK ASSESSMENT

8. The risks involved are classed as low. The decisions taken confirm the Council's executive decision-making framework for 2014/15.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

9. The functions and delegated powers involved are relevant to all of the Council's key improvement priorities.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10. It is not considered that this report gives rise to any requirement for an assessment to be undertaken.

CONSULTATION

11. The Constitution, which includes the required details relating to the Council's executive arrangements, is available via the Council's website.

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Background Papers:

The published Constitution
(<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/goodgovernance/councilconstitution/>)

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:
Property Implications:

Not ward specific
None