

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....9th October 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Cabinet Member Portfolios

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided details of previous amendments to Cabinet Member Portfolios and invited comments on the proposed changes from 2015. These proposals stem from the Leaders commitment to review Cabinet and Scrutiny structures to contribute to the 15% efficiency savings target of £130,000. Agreement of this proposal would result in savings of £24,120 in addition to the Scrutiny savings proposal which if agreed would save £20,100. Savings proposed by the Independent remuneration Panel (15/16) and agreed by Council were part of a wider set of savings including e.g. Members. LGPS membership ending, budget savings total £103,560 not including £10,416 from freezing Basic Allowances for two years.

In May 2008 Council agreed to the split of the then Corporate and Social Inclusion Portfolio into two. Corporate Management and Finance and Access and Communities Portfolios were established. In addition the Leader's portfolio was extended to include Sports Development, Tourism, Development of Tees Valley Sport Partnership and High Achievement in Sport.

In June 2011, in accordance with the New Executive Arrangements approved by the Council, the Leader agreed revised portfolios. The previous additions to the Leader's portfolio were removed with Tourism moving into the Regeneration and Transport Portfolio and the Sport elements moving to the Arts Leisure and Culture Portfolio.

A Deputy Leaders portfolio was created to fulfil the responsibilities of the Leader in his absence.

Emergency Planning was transferred from the Corporate Management and Finance portfolio and added to the Environment Portfolio.

The Access and Communities Portfolio was strengthened with the addition of Community Development and Empowerment which had

previously been included in the Regeneration and Transport Portfolio. Fairtrade was also included as an additional responsibility.

The current portfolios were attached to the report.

Following on from consultation with Cabinet on the budget review of Democratic Services and in considering the previous arrangements discussed at paras 1-6, the options for change to Cabinet portfolios had been developed. The proposed criteria for change seek to strengthen portfolios through the merger of similar themes and take advantage of natural alignments in portfolios and link specifically to the Council Plan themes.

Taking the above criteria into consideration the Cabinet portfolios proposed were as follows, this proposal reduced the number of Cabinet portfolios by two, from 2015 saving £ 24120 / annum:-

Cabinet Portfolio Current	Cabinet Portfolio Proposed
Leader - Leader - Corporate Management & Finance	
Deputy Leader Adult Services & Health - Adult Services & Health	
Access & Communities - Access, Communities & Community Safety	
Arts Leisure & Culture - Arts Leisure & Culture	
Children & Young People - Children & Young People	
Corporate Management & Finance - N/A	
Environment - Environment & Housing	
Regeneration & Transport - Regeneration & Transport	
Housing & Community Safety - N/A	
Reduction in Portfolios - 2	
£ 24120	

NB Deputy Leader will be assigned responsibility in addition to a Portfolio

RESOLVED that the proposal to reduce the number of Cabinet portfolios as detailed within the report be endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To contribute and support the MTFP targeted savings.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2014

Proper Officer  
13 October 2014