

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**25 JUNE 2015**

**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.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

To note/publicise the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet Members, their portfolios, 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 the 3 June 2015 Councillor Cook was appointed the Leader of the Council and he confirmed the 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 J Beall   |
| The Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety.                   | Councillor S Nelson  |
| The Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture.                                  | Councillor N Wilburn |
| The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.                                  | Councillor A McCoy   |
| The Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing.                                    | Councillor M Smith   |
| The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport.                                 | Councillor D Rose    |

Cabinet Member Portfolios

2. The Leader also confirmed his own portfolio and the portfolio of each Cabinet Member. The details are attached at the **Appendix** to the report.
3. These decisions regarding Cabinet Members and their portfolios accord with the decisions taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 9 October, 2014 when it was agreed to reduce Cabinet Member portfolios by two, from 9 to 7 in total.

## **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. The Council's Constitution is accessible on the Authority's website via the following link at <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/stockton-council/good-governance-doing-things-properly/the-council-constitution/>

## **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial**

6. The financial implications arising directly from this report are that there will be savings of £24,120 due to the reduction in portfolios and the associated Cabinet Members' allowances.

### **Legal**

7. The Leader's decisions confirm the Authority's Executive for 2015/16, 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 are considered to be low. The decisions taken by the Leader confirm the Council's executive decision-making framework for 2015/16.

## **COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

## **CONSULTATION**

11. The details within the report are available to all members via Egenda.

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| <u>Background Papers:</u>            | None               |
| <u>Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:</u> | Not Ward Specific  |
| <u>Property Implications:</u>        | None at this stage |