

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Revision to Cabinet Membership 2014/15 and Leader's Scheme of Delegation

Committee: City Council

Date: 24 November 2014

Cabinet Member: Councillor Evans

CMT Member: David Shepperd (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer)

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Ref:

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

The purpose of the report is to inform Council of the Leader's decision to make changes to the Cabinet and the scheme of delegation for executive functions.

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:

This report reflects the ethos of open government and clarity on decision making as set out in the Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan. It also complies with the Council's constitutional requirements.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:

The increase in cabinet members will increase the special responsibility allowances which will be met from within existing resources for 2014/15. The full year amount will be included as part of the refreshed medium term financial plan forecasts which will be presented to cabinet in December 2014.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

There are no direct implications.

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

That Council note the Leader’s decision to –

- (1) revise the Cabinet Membership by the addition of Councillor Jon Taylor as Cabinet Member for Transformation and Change;
- (2) the associated amendments to the Leader’s Scheme of Delegation for executive functions as set out in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4.

The reason for the recommendations is to implement the Leader’s decision and to inform Council of the changes to the Leaders scheme of delegation.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to implement the Leader’s decision.

Published work / information:

None

Background papers:

Leader’s Scheme of Delegation

http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/scheme_of_delegation_for_cabinet_members.pdf

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member: David Shepperd													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Council at its Annual General Meeting on 6 June 2014 noted the Cabinet membership as follows –

Portfolio	Member
Leader	Councillor Evans
Deputy Leader	Councillor Peter Smith
Finance	Councillor Mark Lowry
Children, Young People and Public Health	Councillor Sue McDonald
Health and Adult Social Care	Councillor Ian Tuffin
Co-operatives, Housing and Community Safety	Councillor Chris Penberthy
Environment	Councillor Brian Vincent
Transport	Councillor Mark Coker

1.2 The revised Leader's scheme of delegation for executive functions was subsequently published and circulated to all members of the Council.

2.0 The Leader's scheme of delegation for executive functions

2.1 The Council's Constitution says that the scheme of delegation relating to executive functions may be amended by the Leader at any time during the year. To do so, the Leader must give written notice to the Monitoring Officer and to the person, body or committee concerned. The notice must set out the extent of the amendment to the scheme of delegation, and whether it entails the withdrawal of delegation from any person, body, committee or the Cabinet as a whole.

2.2 The proper officer will present a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council setting out the changes made by the Leader.

2.3 To comply with the above, I have prepared this part of this report which notes that Councillor Jon Taylor has been appointed to the Cabinet as Cabinet Member for Transformation and Change and the Leader's scheme of delegation has been amended to include his responsibilities as follows -

'The Cabinet member with responsibility for transformation and change will provide executive leadership and oversight of the transformation programme, engagement activities with all Members and will support and enable the Transformation Advisory Group to fulfil its Terms of Reference. In addition, he will ensure there is integration across the programmes, ensuring there is one Council serving the city.'

The Cabinet member is responsible for and may take decisions about:

- *The delivery of the required outcomes of the Transformation Portfolio of Programmes namely Co-operative Centre of Operations; Growth, Assets and Municipal Enterprise; Integrated Health and Well Being; Customer Service Transformation; People and Organisational Development*
- *Designs for the future purpose, functions, shape and size of the organisation*
- *Transformation Business Cases as presented and recommended by Officers*
- *Reports prepared for the Transformation Advisory Group, Cabinet and full Council*

2.4 Councillor Lowry's responsibilities as Cabinet Member for Finance have been amended by the removal of transformation.