

<b>Title of Report</b>	Composition of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees; Appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and Member Champions and Elected Mayor's Scheme of Delegation
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Council
<b>Meeting Date</b>	29 November 2023
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All
	Mayor Caroline Woodley

1. **Summary**

- 1.1. This report requests Full Council note the appointments to Cabinet and Cabinet Committees; the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and Member Champions and the Elected Mayor's Scheme of Delegation for the remainder of the 2023/2024 municipal year, following the election of a new directly Elected Mayor on 9 November 2023.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1. **That the Mayor's re-appointment of Councillors to Cabinet and re-appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and Member Champions is noted, as set out in Appendix 1.**
- 2.2. **That the establishment of, and appointments to, Executive Committees as set out in Appendix 2 is noted.**
- 2.3. **That the Elected Mayor's Scheme of Delegation for 2023/2024 as set out in Appendix 3 is noted.**

3. **Background**

- 3.1. At its Annual Meeting on 17 May 2023, Full Council were advised of the composition of the Elected Mayor's Cabinet in accordance with Paragraph 1.1 of Part 4.1 of the Council's Constitution (now [Rule 1](#), Part 4A in the September 2023 edition).

- 3.2. At its meeting on 27 September 2023, Full Council noted changes to Cabinet Portfolios which had taken effect as a consequence of the Statutory Deputy Mayor, acting in place of the Elected Mayor.
- 3.3. Following the resignation of the then Mayor on 22 September 2023, a by-election was held on 9 November 2023. This report highlights the re-appointments to Cabinet and re-appointments of Deputy Cabinet Members and Member Champions by the new directly Elected Mayor. Whilst no changes have been made to the membership of Cabinet, a few changes have been made to Cabinet portfolios as highlighted in appendix 1.
- 3.4. The report also highlights the establishment of and appointments to executive committees, and confirms the Mayor's scheme of delegation.

#### 4. **Comments of the Group Director of Finance**

- 4.1. There are no budgetary implications arising from this report. All costs are contained within the current approved budget.

#### 5. **Comments of the Acting Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services**

- 5.1. In accordance with Article 5.5 ( c) of the Council's Constitution the Elected Mayor has authority to '*To appoint the Cabinet and the Statutory Deputy Mayor;*. Article 5.11 provides that '*the size and composition of the Cabinet will be solely a matter for the Elected Mayor to decide*'. *They may choose to appoint Councillors from any political group or those not in a political group. The Cabinet need not reflect the political balance of the Council as a whole. The Elected Mayor will report their appointments to Full Council at the Annual Meeting*'.
- 5.2. The recommendations as set out in this report are provided to Full Council in advance of the Annual Meeting in May 2024 in the interests of good practice, openness and transparency. There are no further legal implications arising from the contents of this report

#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Composition of and appointments to Cabinet, Deputy Cabinet Members and Member Champions

Appendix 2 - Executive committees / boards and membership

Appendix 3 - Elected Mayor's scheme of delegation

## **Background documents**

None

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