



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item no.
The prospective Leader of the Council (Cllr David Henderson) and the Chief Executive (Garry Payne)	Council	7 December 2017	7

Cabinet Membership

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the membership of the Cabinet and the appointment of a Deputy Leader.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Effective executive decision making and the delivery of Council priorities.

3. Recommendations

If Cllr Henderson has been appointed Leader of the Council under agenda item 6:

- 3.1 That the appointment by the new Leader of the Council of the following Members to the Cabinet, with effect from 7 December 2017, be noted:

Cllr A Vincent	Resources Portfolio Holder
Cllr Murphy	Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
Cllr Berry	Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Cllr Bowen	Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder
Cllr Michael Vincent	Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

- 3.2 That the intention of Cllr Henderson to retain his former responsibilities as Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder, in addition to his responsibilities as Leader, be noted.

- 3.3** That the designation of Cllr A Vincent as Deputy Leader of the Council, with effect from 7 December 2017, also be noted.
- 3.4** That the re-appointment of Cllr Kay as Lead Member for Children and Young People and the re-appointment of Cllr Ormrod as Lead Member for Older People, to support the Cabinet and the Council, be noted.

4. Background

- 4.1** At the Council meeting on 28 September 2017, Cllr A Vincent was appointed as interim Leader of the Council until 7 December 2017 at the latest. Cllr Vincent has given notice of his intention to resign as Leader at this meeting, as reported under agenda item 6. As also reported under agenda item 6, the Conservative Group has stated that its' nomination for a new Leader of the Council will be Cllr Henderson.
- 4.2** Article 9 of the Council's constitution currently specifies that the Cabinet will comprise the Leader and at least 5 other Councillors appointed by the Leader (the statutory maximum is 10). Article 9 also states that the Leader will appoint a Deputy Leader and can also appoint Lead Members to provide support and advice on their specialist area of activity.
- 4.3** Each Member of the Cabinet will hold office until 3 days after the next Council elections in May 2019, unless:
- he or she resigns;
 - he or she is removed from office by the Leader;
 - he or she ceases to be a Councillor.
- 4.4** The Lead Members have no decision making powers and do not form part of the Executive of the Council. They are expected to develop knowledge and expertise and to champion the delivery of service improvements and the development of effective policies.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The prospective Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) has indicated that he intends to retain the existing division of responsibilities for Executive Functions as set out in Part 3.03 of the Constitution. However, he has decided to revert to the position prior to May 2015 and appoint five other Members to the Cabinet rather than six. As well as his responsibilities as Leader, he will himself continue to take responsibility for the functions delegated to the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder. Councillors A Vincent, Murphy, Berry and Bowen will be reappointed to the Cabinet with their respective previous portfolio responsibilities. Councillor Michael Vincent will take on the vacant Health and Community Engagement Portfolio.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	On the basis that Cllr Henderson will receive the Leader's Special Responsibility Allowance, but will not also receive a Portfolio Holder's Special Responsibility, there will be a reduction in Members Allowances costs in the current year. The Independent Remuneration Panel is currently carrying out its regular three-yearly review of the Members' Allowances Scheme and will be submitting its recommendations to the Council meeting on 8 March 2018.
Legal	The proposed appointments are in accordance with the Council's Constitution and legal requirements.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None	-	-

LIST OF APPENDICES

None.

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