

**Meeting of the Council - 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2006**

**Appointment of Members to the Cabinet and certain Committees and outside bodies**

**Report of the Leader of the Council**

**Purpose**

1. The report of the Director of Law and Property, as previously circulated with the Council agenda papers (Yellow Book - Pages 64 - 66), indicates that a further report by the Leader would be circulated.

**Background**

2. In addition to the recommendations set out in paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 of the report from the Director of Law and Property, as circulated with the agenda papers, the Council is also requested to consider the following changes:-
  - (a) That Councillor Knowles be appointed as the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration in place of Councillor Jones.
  - (b) That the Cabinet responsibility for Community Safety be transferred from the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration to the Cabinet Member for Finance, and that the Director of Law and Property be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution.
  - (c) That Councillor Jones be appointed to the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education to replace Councillor Knowles.
  - (d) That Councillor Jones be appointed to the Disciplinary/Dismissal/Grading Appeals Committee to replace Councillor Knowles.
  - (e) That Councillor Taylor be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Disciplinary/Dismissal/Grading Appeals Committee.
  - (f) That Councillor Mrs Millward be appointed to serve on the West Midlands Local Government Association – Council/Regional Assembly in place of Councillor Jones and that Councillor Adams be appointed to the resultant vacancy as an alternate Member.

- (g) That Councillor Southall be appointed to replace Councillor Jones as an alternate member on the West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Planning Partnership.
- (h) That Councillor Knowles be appointed to serve on the West Midlands Joint Committee – Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee to replace Councillor Jones.
- (i) That Councillor Knowles be appointed to serve on the Black Country South West Birmingham Regeneration Zone to replace Councillor Jones.

### **Finance**

- 3. Any financial implications arising from the above proposals will be met from existing resources.

### **Law**

- 4. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution and arrangements with respect to executives are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The proposals set out above will have no effect on existing political proportionality arrangements, the rules on which are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and associated regulations.
- 5. The power to appoint Committees and to delegate functions to Committees and officers is set out in Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
- 6. The statutory provisions relating to the appointment of members to outside bodies are contained in Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Sections 15-18 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, and the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act, 2000.

### **Equality Impact**

- 7. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. Decisions taken by the Council and its Committees during the year on policy issues and the implementation of the Council Plan framework will involve actions to promote equality and in relation to children and young people.

### **Recommendation**

- 8. That the changes in membership in the Cabinet, Committees and certain outside bodies, as referred to in paragraph 2 above, be approved for the remainder of the current municipal year.

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**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**