

## **Annual Meeting of the Council – 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007**

### **Report of the Director of Law and Property**

#### **Appointment of Members to the Cabinet**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To approve the number of members to be appointed to the Cabinet and to appoint the members to serve for the 2007/08 municipal year.

##### **Background**

2. Article 7 of the Council's Constitution prescribes that the Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with at least two, but not more than nine, councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Council. The proposals of the Majority Group with regard to this matter will be made at the meeting.
3. The Appendix to this report sets out the proposed designations of Cabinet Members for the 2007/08 municipal year. There are no changes recommended to the designations from the previous municipal year.
4. The Council is reminded that the Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that each of the other political groups on the Council may nominate members from their Group to attend meetings of the Cabinet. Such members may speak at the meeting, but may not vote. The number of members nominated by each Group is made in accordance with proportionality. These nominations will be made through the Director of Law and Property.

##### **Finance**

5. The financial implications arising from the above proposals will be met from existing resources.

##### **Law**

6. 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 rules on proportionality (which are applied to the nomination of representatives from the minority groups) are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and associated regulations.

**Equality Impact**

- 7. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. Decisions taken by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members 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 number of members to be appointed to the Cabinet for the 2007/08 municipal year, the designation of Cabinet Members, and the members to serve for the year, be approved in accordance with the Appendix and the list to be circulated at the meeting.

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**Director of Law and Property**

**Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution.

