

Meeting of the Council – 10th October, 2011

Report of the Leader

Membership of the Cabinet

Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Council of a change in the membership of the Cabinet.

Background

2. Article 7 of the Council's Constitution prescribes that the Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with at least 2, but not more than 9, Councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader.
3. At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 19th May, 2011, I reported on the appointment of the Deputy Leader and the designation of Cabinet Members for the 2011/12 municipal year.
4. The Constitution provides that Cabinet Members appointed by the Leader shall hold office until:
 - (a) they resign from office; or
 - (b) they are suspended from being Councillors under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although they may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
 - (c) they are no longer Councillors; or
 - (d) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by the Leader.
5. At the Annual Council Meeting, Councillor Mrs Faulkner was appointed to the post of Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services. Councillor Mrs Faulkner stepped down from the Cabinet on 30th September, 2011. With immediate effect, Councillor Vickers was appointed as the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services. For the remainder of this municipal year, Councillor Mrs Walker will have sole Cabinet responsibility for Children's Services.
6. In accordance with powers delegated to the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with myself, Councillor Vickers replaced Councillor Mrs Faulkner on the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board with effect from the appointment to his new Cabinet position. Nominations to other bodies, where Councillor Mrs Faulkner was appointed in her capacity as the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, have also been amended to reflect the appointment of Councillor Vickers to his new Cabinet role.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Cabinet will now comprise 9 Members for the remainder of the 2011/12 municipal year as follows:-

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
L Jones (Leader of the Council)	Policy
Wright (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Human Resources, Law and Governance
Vickers	Adult and Community Services
Mrs Walker	Integrated Children's Services
Blood	Finance
Stanley	Environment and Culture
A Turner	Housing, Libraries and Adult Learning
Adams	Regeneration
P Harley	Transportation

Finance

8. The non-filling of one Cabinet post will result in a saving on the Members Allowances budget during the current municipal year.

Law

9. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution and arrangements with respect to the Cabinet are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, as amended by the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

10. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. Decisions taken by the Cabinet 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

11. That the revised membership of the Cabinet, together with the consequential changes to the membership of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board and nominations to other bodies, be noted.



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Leader of the Council