
Meeting: Council

Date: 1 May 2014

Subject: **Composition of the Executive and Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions**

Report of: Cllr James Jamieson, Leader of the Council

Summary: The report sets out the composition of the Executive for the coming year, including the names of the Councillors appointed to the Executive, and advises that no amendments are proposed to the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions beyond those previously approved by the Leader of the Council (Executive procedure Rule no 1.2) (part C4 and H3 of the Constitution refers).

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The appropriate structure of the Executive will contribute to the proper running of the Council, enabling it to meet its vision, as follows:-

“To improve the quality of life of all in Central Bedfordshire and enhance the unique character of our communities and our environment”.

Financial:

There are no additional budgetary implications.

Legal:

The composition of the Executive and its scheme of delegations are in line with legal and constitution requirements.

Risk Management:

None

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Public Health and Wellbeing:

None

Community Safety:

None

Sustainability:

None

Procurement:

None

Overview and Scrutiny:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **That the Council notes:**
 - (a) **the composition of the Executive and allocation of portfolios, as set out at Appendix A;**
 - (b) **the scheme of delegation of Executive functions, set out at Part C3 of the Constitution;**
 - (c) **that Councillor Mark Versallion will continue to be the Lead Member for Children's Services.**

Introduction

1. The Council's Constitution requires that the Leader of the Council reports at the annual meeting of the Council after an election on the composition of the Executive and the proposed scheme of delegation of Executive functions (C4 Executive Procedure Rules 1.2).

2. Although there has not been a local election, it is appropriate to set out at the beginning of the year the composition of the Executive and to note the scheme of delegation of Executive functions.

Composition of the Executive

3. The Executive will continue to comprise the Leader plus 7 Councillors, including a Deputy Leader. The details of the portfolios and the names of the Executive Members are set out in **Appendix A**.
4. Under the terms of Part C1 section 6.2 of the Constitution the Leader shall designate a member of the Executive as Lead Member for Children's Services under Section 19 (1) of the Children Act 2004. This will continue to be Councillor Mark Versallion.

Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

5. No further amendments are proposed to the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions at Parts C3 of the Constitution, beyond those previously reported to Members.

Deputy Executive Members

6. Deputy Executive Members have been appointed by the Leader of the Council to support the Executive Members in carrying out their role. The Deputies are not Members of the Executive, as the Executive may not comprise more than the Leader plus nine Executive Members.
7. No changes are proposed to the existing body of Deputy Executive Members other than that Councillor Dodwell, already supporting the Executive Member for Children's Services, will also support the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Composition of the Executive

Background Papers: none