

Composition of the Executive and Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

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Purpose of this report

1. This report sets out the composition of the Executive for the coming year, including the names of the councillors appointed to it. It also draws Members' attention to the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:

1. confirm Cllr Carole Hegley as the designated Lead Member for Children's Services;
2. note the composition of the Executive and the allocation of portfolios, as set out at Appendix A;
3. note the scheme of delegation of Executive functions, as set out at Part C3 of the Council's Constitution;

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

1. The composition of the Executive and the scheme of delegation of Executive functions does not form part of the business of the overview and scrutiny committees.

Constitutional Requirement

2. The Council's Constitution requires the Leader of the Council to report at the annual meeting of the Council following an election on the composition of the Executive and the proposed scheme of delegation of Executive functions (Part C4 Executive Procedure Rules, paragraph 1.2). This report meets that requirement.

Composition of the Executive

3. The Executive will comprise the Leader plus 7 Councillors, including a Deputy Leader. The names of the Executive Members and the details of the portfolios are set out in **Appendix A**.
4. Under the terms of Part C1 paragraph 6.2 of the Constitution, the Leader is required to designate a member of the Executive as Lead Member for Children's Services under section 19(1) of the Children Act 2004. Cllr Carole Hegley is nominated for this position.

Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

5. The Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions is set out at Part C3 of the Council's constitution.

Deputy Executive Members

6. The Leader of the Council has previously appointed Deputy Executive Members to support the Executive Members in carrying out their role and is continuing this practice. The Deputies are not members of the Executive as the Executive is restricted to comprising the Leader plus at least two but no more than nine Executive Members.

Council Priorities

7. 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".

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications

9. There are no additional budgetary implications.

Equalities Implications

10. There are no equalities implications relating to the appointment of the Executive or the Executive's Scheme of Delegations.

Conclusion and next Steps

11. The appointment of the Executive enables the work of the Executive to commence for 2015/16.

Appendices

Appendix A – Portfolio Roles and names of the Executive and Deputy Executive Members.

Background Papers

12. The following background papers, not previously available to the public, were taken into account and are available on the Council's website:

None