

Central Bedfordshire Council

Council

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Revised Composition of the Executive and Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

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Purpose of this report

1. To set out the revised composition of the Executive and the amended Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:-

1. **note that Councillor Steven Dixon has been designated as Lead Member for Children's Services;**
2. **note the revised composition of the Executive and the allocation of portfolios, as set out at Appendix A; and**
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

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

Constitutional Requirement

3. 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.

4. Thereafter any changes are required to be reported at the annual meeting. Nonetheless, setting out the full details provides an up-to-date record, and so this report sets out the revised composition.
5. Whilst any changes are only required to be presented to the annual meeting it was felt prudent in this case, given the nature of some of the changes to the portfolios to report it to Council at the earliest opportunity.

Composition of the Executive

6. 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, with the main change being that Councillor Ghent is now the Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery and the areas of responsibility for Councillors Hegley and Dixon have been reorganised.
7. Under the terms of Part 2 Article 7 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. Councillor Dixon now holds this position.

Scheme of Delegation

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

Deputy Executive Members

9. Councillor Ghent was previously Deputy Executive Member for Social Care and Housing and has been appointed as a Member of the Executive. There are no further changes to the Deputy Executive Members.

Council Priorities

10. The appropriate structure of the Executive will contribute to the proper running of the Council, enabling it to meet its priorities and ambitions, as set out in the Council's 5-Year Plan:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/five-year/plan.aspx

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

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

Financial and Risk Implications

12. These changes will increase spend by £12,534.96 (in a full year) to the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) budget, which can be managed within the existing budget.

Equalities Implications

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

Conclusion and next Steps

14. Councillor Ghent has taken up his role as Executive Member for Assets and Housing Delivery.
15. The Executive Members will continue to carry out their work in the ensuing year.

Appendices

Appendix A: Composition of the Executive 2017/18

Background Papers

None

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