

Central Bedfordshire Council

COUNCIL

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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. The report also draws Members' attention to the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:

1. **note that Cllr Steven Dixon remains 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 3A 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 (Part 4C Executive Procedure Rules, paragraph 1.2).

4. Thereafter only 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 full composition.

Composition of the Executive

5. The Executive will continue to 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.
6. 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. Cllr Steven Dixon continues to hold this position.

Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

7. The Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions is set out at Part 3A of the Council's Constitution.

Deputy Executive Members

8. 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.
9. The Leader has appointed an additional Deputy Executive Member for Community Services, Councillor Steven Watkins.

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:
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/five-year/plan.aspx>

Legal Implications

11. All references to the Constitution stated in this report are correct. The proposed composition of the Executive and its scheme of delegation is in accordance with legal and constitutional requirements.

Financial Implications

12. The above change will increase spend by £6267.48 (in a full year) to the Special Responsibility Allowance 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. The Executive Members will continue to carry out their work in the ensuing year.

Appendices

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

Background Papers

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

None

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