



COUNCIL: 11 December 2024

Report of: Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer (Monitoring Officer)

Relevant Lead Member: Councillor Y Gagen

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To appoint the Lead Members for the Clean & Green and Health & Wellbeing Portfolios.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Councillor Sarah Lawton, who is a Member of the Policy & Resources Committee, be appointed Lead Member for Clean & Green for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

2.2 That Councillor Vicki Cummins, who is currently Lead Member for Communities, and a Member of the Policy & Resources Committee, be appointed Lead Member for Health & Wellbeing for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

2.3 That the Lead Member role for Communities be removed and the Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer, be given delegated authority to amalgamate that portfolio area into other Lead Member role/s, following consultation with the Leader of the Council.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Constitution 1 'Summary and Explanation' provides that the Council may appoint Lead Members. The Lead Members will be members of the Policy and Resources Committee and will have responsibility for leading on specific functions and/or services.

3.2 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2024, Councillor Neil Furey was appointed Lead Member for Clean & Green. The position became vacant when he was no longer appointed to the Policy & Resources Committee (October 2024).

3.3 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2024, Councillor Kerry Lloyd was appointed Lead Member for Health & Wellbeing. The position became vacant when she was no longer appointed to the Policy & Resources Committee (October 2024).

3.4 The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Sarah Lawton as Lead Member for Clean & Green and Councillor Vicki Cummins as Lead Member for Health & Wellbeing. As Councillor Vicki Cummins is currently the Lead Member for Communities, the Leader of the Council is recommending that this position is amalgamated into other portfolio areas and removed. The recommendations of the Leader are detailed in paragraph 2 above.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Lead Members receive a Special Responsibility Allowance of £4,950 per year, in accordance with the Scheme of Members Allowances for 2024/25. The reduction in allowances for the Lead Member of Communities, will result in an in-year saving of approx. £2,000.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This report meets the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.

7.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

None.