

Agenda Item 6

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Annual Meeting of the Council
Date: 11 June 2014
Report for: Decision
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

Summary

The Leader of the Council was elected at the Meeting of Council on 13 March 2014 for a fixed term of office to the first Annual Meeting of the Council after his normal day of retirement as a councillor in May 2016. Each year the Leader will appoint the Deputy Leader, decide the composition of the Executive Cabinet and appoint the Membership of the Cabinet.

Recommendation(s)

The Council is requested to note:

1. that the Leader of the Council has determined that the Executive shall comprise himself plus 7 councillors;
2. the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Membership of the Executive for 2014/15, as agreed by the Leader of the Council and set out in the Appendix to the report.
3. that a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members Allowances will be brought to a future meeting.

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Background Papers: Local Government and Health Act 2007
Constitution of the Council

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2 December 2009, the Council approved a new style 'strong' Leader and Cabinet model of executive leadership, in accordance with the Local Government and Health Act 2007. The Act required changes to the leadership of Councils giving only two options, both of which place all executive powers in the hands of one individual, who, in the normal course of events, will serve an uninterrupted 4 year term. The Council's new Executive Arrangements came into operation on 6 May 2010.

2.0 New Style Leader and Cabinet

- 2.1 Under this model the Council appoints the Leader for a fixed term of office of 4 years. The Leader then appoints a Cabinet but also determines the size of the Cabinet (within the statutory minimum and maximum of 3 and 10). Under these executive arrangements provision must be made for the appointment of a Deputy Leader with power to act in the Leader's absence. Again the Deputy Leader is appointed (and may also be removed) by the Leader.
- 2.2 The term of office of the Leader is from the date of election as Leader to the first annual meeting after their normal day of retirement as a councillor i.e. up to 4 years. Thus, a Leader needing to seek re-election as a councillor before the end of the maximum 4 year term will be elected for a shorter term.
- 2.3 The Council includes provisions in its Constitution whereby the Council may remove the Leader from office at any time (if the Council did not include such provision for the mid term removal of the Leader, the Leader would remain in office for their full term). The Council's Constitution states that the Leader shall hold office until:
- (a) (s)he resigns from the office; or
 - (b) (s)he is disqualified from being a councillor; or
 - (c) (s)he is no longer a councillor; or
 - (d) the first Annual Meeting after their normal day of retirement as a councillor save that the Council may by resolution remove the Leader from office at an earlier date.
- 2.4 The Leader will be vested with all the authority's executive functions, initially holding all the Council's executive functions under their personal control. It is then for him/her to choose whether to exercise some or all of these functions personally or to make arrangements for their discharge by the executive, a committee of the executive, by an individual member of the executive, or by officers and these will be notified at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- 2.5 The Leader of the Council shall appoint an Executive Member as Deputy Leader with power to act in the Leader's absence.

- 2.6 Executive members appointed by the Leader of the Council (including the executive member appointed as Deputy Leader) shall hold office until:
- (a) they resign from office; or
 - (b) (s)he is disqualified from being a councillor; or
 - (c) they are no longer councillors; or
 - (d) the Annual General Meeting following the meeting at which they are appointed to the Executive save that the Leader of the Council may remove them from office either individually or collectively at an earlier date.

3.0 Lead Members

- 3.1 The Leader has designated a specific role for an additional 2 Non-Executive Members to support the work of the Executive.
- 3.2 The Lead Member for Safeguarding will support the Executive Member for Children's Services and the Executive Member for Adult Social Services and Community Wellbeing.
- 3.3 The Lead Member for Trust Development will support the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources and the Executive Member for Communities and Partnership and report to the Leader of the Council for Reshaping Trafford.

4.0 Members Allowances

- 4.1 The Council's allowances scheme for Members has not been significantly reviewed for some time. The Group Leaders have asked the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the scheme and will produce a report for the Council's consideration.

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<u>Councillor</u>		<u>PORTFOLIO</u>
Sean Anstee (Leader)		Reshaping Trafford
Michael Young (Deputy Leader)		Adult Social Services and Community Wellbeing
Michael Cornes		Children's Services
Michael Hyman		Economic Growth and Planning
John Reilly		Environment and Operations
John Lamb		Communities and Partnerships
Alex Williams		Transformation and Resources
Patrick Myers		Finance
 <u>Non-Executive Members with Special Responsibilities</u>		
Linda Blackburn	-	Lead Member for Safeguarding
Jonathan Coupe	-	Lead Member for Trust Development