

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Annual Meeting of the Council
Date: 22 May 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Chief Executive

Report Title

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

Summary

The Leader of the Council was elected for a 4 year term at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2011. 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 9 councillors;
2. the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Membership of the Executive for 2013/14, as agreed by the Leader of the Council and set out in the Appendix to the report.

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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) he/she resigns from the office; or
 - (b) (s)he is disqualified from being a councillor.
 - (c) they are no longer councillors; or
 - (d) the first Annual Meeting after their normal day of retirement as a councillor save that the Council may by resolution remove him/her 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.

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<u>Councillor</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>
Matthew Colledge (Leader)	
Sean Anstee (Deputy Leader)	Finance
Michael Young	Adult Social Services
Dr. Karen Barclay	Community Health and Wellbeing
Michael Hyman	Economic Growth and Prosperity
Michael Cornes	Education
Alan Mitchell	Highways and Environment
Jonathan Coupe	Safe and Strong Communities
Miss Linda Blackburn	Supporting Children and Families
Alex Williams	Transformation and Resources