

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Annual Meeting of the Council
Date: 24 May 2017
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 Annual Meeting of Council on 25 May 2016 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 2020. 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 8 councillors;
2. the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Membership of the Executive for 2017/18, as agreed by the Leader of the Council and set out in the Appendix to the report.
3. the roles of Deputy Executive Members, as detailed in the report and the appointments made by the Leader of the Council, as 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) (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 Deputy Executive Members

- 3.1 The Leader has determined that an additional 3 Members shall act as Deputies for those Executive Members whose portfolios cover Finance; Highways, Parks and Environmental Services; and Safeguarding. These members will support the work of the Executive Members and will provide an important link between members and the Executive but will not be members of the Executive nor serve on the Scrutiny Committees.
- 3.2 The Deputy Executive Members will support the Executive Members in their role and will be able to attend Executive meetings. They will be able to speak at Executive meetings in the absence of the relevant Executive Member, however, they will not have any decision making powers.

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<u>Councillor</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>
Sean Anstee	Leader of the Council
Alex Williams (Deputy Leader)	Investment
Stephen Anstee	Adult Social Care
Michael Whetton	Children and Families
Mrs. Laura Evans	Communities and Partnerships
Patrick Myers	Corporate Resources
John Lamb	Health and Wellbeing
John Reilly	Highways, Parks and Environmental Services
David Hopps	Housing and Strategic Planning
 <u>Deputy Executive Members</u>	
Dylan Butt	Finance
Brian Shaw	Highways, Parks and Environmental Services
Miss Linda Blackburn	Safeguarding