
Report to
Council

15 January 2008

Report of
Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Title
Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety)

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To enable the Council to consider this portfolio and determine its immediate future.

2 Recommendations

The Council are recommended to approve, with immediate effect:

- 2.1 The discontinuation of the Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) portfolio for the duration of the 2007/08 municipal year.
- 2.2 The allocation - to the portfolios indicated below- of the following elements of that former remit:

Cabinet Member (Finance,
Procurement and Value for Money)

Community Safety
Voluntary Sector
Welfare Advice Services
Community Centres

Cabinet Member (City Services)

Neighbourhood Management
Ward Forums

Cabinet Member (Climate Change,
Housing and Sustainability)

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 On the 3rd January this year, Councillor Matchet resigned from the post of Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety). This was to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government Act 2000, and the City Council's Constitution which stipulate that the vice-chairman (i.e. Deputy Lord Mayor) of a local authority cannot hold an executive post at the same time. Councillor Matchet chose to retain his office of Deputy Lord Mayor and to resign from his post of Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety).

3.2 This raised, at an advanced stage in the municipal year, the question of the vacant Cabinet Member (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) portfolio.

3.3 Following consultation with the Leadership of the Controlling Group on the Council, it is proposed that the responsibilities are distributed amongst existing Cabinet Members. The changes to Cabinet Member portfolios are set out in the recommendations in paragraph 2.2 above for the Council's consideration and approval.

4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered

4.1 Please see the recommendations at paragraph 2 above.

5 Other specific implications

5.1 This being essentially a process report, no implications specific as such to the proposals it recommends are anticipated.

List of background papers

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