
Council

3 September 2024

Name of Cabinet Member:

Leader of the Council – Councillor G Duggins

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Law and Governance

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Amendments to Appointments to Council Bodies 2024/25

Is this a key decision? No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to amendments to appointments to Council bodies which have arisen as a result of the notification by Councillor David Welsh of his intention to resign as a St Michael's Ward Councillor with effect from the end of August 2024 and the Leader's decision to make changes to the allocation of Executive Functions, by appointing Councillor Naeem Akhtar as the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities with effect from 2 September 2024.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1) Notes that, following his appointment as Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, effective from 2 September 2024, Councillor Naeem Akhtar is no longer Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a member of Planning Committee
- 2) Considers any appointments to the vacancies to Council bodies which will be moved at the meeting.

List of Appendices included:

None

Useful background papers:

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 3 September 2024

Report title: Amendment to Allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and Amendments to Appointments 2024/25

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 At the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 16 May 2024, the Leader informed Council of the allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet for the Municipal Year 2024/25 and appointments were made to Council and outside bodies for 2024/25.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution enables the Leader of the Council to amend the allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet. On 1 August 2024, in accordance with Paragraph 9.4 of Part 2B of the Constitution, the Leader of the Council notified the Director of Law and Governance that, following Councillor David Welsh's indication of his intention to resign as a St Michaels Ward Councillor with effect from the end of August 2024, Councillor N Akhtar had been appointed to the role of Cabinet Member Housing and Communities with effect from 2 September 2024.
- 1.3 Councillor Welsh's resignation and Councillor N Akhtar's appointment will leave a number of vacancies on Council bodies. As a member of Cabinet, Councillor N Akhtar cannot be a Member of the following Council bodies to which he was appointed to at the AGM:

Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
Planning Committee

- 1.4 The Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is also an ex officio member of the following Council bodies:

Cabinet Advisory Panel - Local Development Plan
Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities Advisory Panel - Coventry
Award of Merit

- 1.5 Councillor Welsh's resignation has left vacancies on the following additional Council bodies:

Ethics Committee
Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities - Electoral Arrangements
Advisory Panel

- 1.6 Following Councillor Welsh's resignation at the end of August 2024 there will be one vacancy on the Council until a by-election is held in St Michael's Ward.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

Council is recommended to:

- 1) Note that, following his appointment as Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, effective from 2 September 2024, Councillor Naeem Akhtar is no longer

Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a member of Planning Committee

- 2) Consider any appointments to the vacancies to Council bodies which will be moved at the meeting.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

The Leader appointed Councillor N Akhtar as Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing with effect from 2 September 2024. Other amendments to appointments to Council bodies will take effect from the date of the Council meeting.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal implications

The proposed amendments to the appointments to Council bodies are in line with the Constitution and the political group proportionality requirements.

6. Other implications

Not applicable

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