

Leader Decision Session

23 July 2020

Appointment of Cabinet Portfolios, Delegation of Executive Functions and Appointments to Bodies

Recommendations

- 1) That the Leader confirms the appointment of the Deputy Leader.
- 2) That the Leader appoints councillors to the Cabinet and determines their portfolios/delegations.
- 3) That the Leader confirms/amends the delegation of executive functions to officers and/or other bodies as set out in the Constitution.
- 4) That the Leader appoints to the bodies listed.

1.0 Appointments to Cabinet

The Leader may appoint up to a maximum of nine other members to form a Cabinet. The appointment and their portfolios is a matter for the Leader. The Leader must also appoint a Deputy Leader from the Cabinet members. The Leader is invited to appoint the Cabinet, determine the portfolios and delegation of executive functions.

2.0 Delegation of Executive Functions

The Leader is invited to confirm the delegation of executive functions to officers and bodies as set out in the Constitution.

3.0 Appointments to Member Bodies

3.1 Joint Negotiating Bodies

There are two negotiating bodies – one for teaching staff and one for other staff. The bodies provide a forum for discussions with relevant trade unions in relation to conditions of service of members of staff and to recommend to the Staff and Pensions Committee any changes or amendments to those conditions of service.

The membership of each is two Cabinet members and two non-Cabinet members. The Leader is invited to appoint two Cabinet members to each body.

3.2 Adoption Panel

The Adoption Panel is a statutorily required body and its membership is prescribed by legislation. The Leader is required to appoint one County Councillor to the Panel.

3.3 Fostering Panel

The Fostering Services Regulations 2002 section 24(3) (C) states that when the local authority is the agency at least one elected member of that authority may sit on the Panel. In Warwickshire the Council has determined that it would be one County Councillor.

4. Appointment to External Bodies

Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Management Committee and Finance and Audit Committee

ESPO is a joint committee between consortium authorities whose purpose is to improve and maintain effective and efficient and economical arrangements for the supply of goods and services to its constituent authorities.

Each member authority has 2 places on the Management Committee (one to be a Cabinet member).

The Leader is also asked to make an appointment from one of those appointed members to sit on the ESPO Finance and Audit Committee. The purpose of this sub-committee is to oversee the financial planning process undertaken by ESPO.

5. Financial Implications

None

6. Environmental Implications

None

Background Papers

None. The information in this report is drawn from the Council's current published Constitution.

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