

TITLE OF REPORT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET FOR 2015/2016

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the Leader’s appointment of members of the Cabinet for 2015/2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That it be noted that the Members to be appointed as Portfolio Holders and Members of the Cabinet for 2015/2016 and the areas for which they will be responsible, together with the delegations for inclusion in the Council’s Constitution, will be as detailed in Appendix A, which will be tabled at the meeting.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and Sections 5.2 and 5.3.4 of the Council’s Constitution.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 5.1 The Leader of the Council will inform the Council of the appointment of Cabinet Members for 2015/2016.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 As required as one of the choices of political model set out in the Local Government Act 2000, North Hertfordshire District Council has adopted a Leader and Cabinet form of executive governance.

8. ISSUES

- 8.1 Under Section 5.2 of the Council’s Constitution, it is set out that the Cabinet will consist of:

“5.2.1 the Leader of the Council (the “Leader”); and

5.2.2 at least two but not more than nine Councillors appointed to the Cabinet as Portfolio Holders by the Leader.”

- 8.2 Appendix A to the report (to be tabled at the meeting) will set out the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder positions for 2015/2016.
- 8.3 In accordance with Section 5.3.4 of the Council's Constitution, it is also required that "within two weeks of being elected as Leader, the Leader will submit to the Proper Officer a Cabinet Scheme of Delegations setting out the responsibilities and delegated authority of each member of the Cabinet and any other delegation of any Executive Function the Leader chooses to make."
- 8.4 Accordingly, Appendix A will also include Delegations setting out the responsibilities and delegated authority of each Member of the Cabinet.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The legal and constitutional requirements are set out in the main body of this report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 As the recommendation made does not constitute a public service contract, the measurement of 'social value' as required by the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 need not be applied.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no human resource implications.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 **Appendix A – Cabinet Members 2015/2016 and their Portfolio Responsibilities - this will be tabled at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2015.**

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 None.