

TITLE OF REPORT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET FOR 2017/2018

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the Leader's appointment of members of the Cabinet for 2017/2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That it be noted that the Members to be appointed as Executive Members of the Cabinet for 2017/2018 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 RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1 The Leader of the Council will inform the Council of the appointment of Cabinet Members for 2017/2018.

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. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

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 (or other parameters set by legislation) Councillors appointed to the Cabinet as Executive Members 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 Executive Member positions for 2017/2018.

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 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no human resource implications.

15. APPENDICES

15.1 **Appendix A – Cabinet Members 2017/2018 and their Portfolio Responsibilities - this will be tabled at the Annual Council meeting on 18 May 2017.**

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

17.1 None.