CABINET 29TH MAY 2018

COUNCILLOR DAVID CLIFFORD LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

KEY DECISION - NO

REPORT NO. DEM1801

REVIEW OF PORTFOLIOS

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the light of the Rushmoor 2020 Modernisation and Improvement Programme and the re-structuring of the Council's services, a review has been undertaken of the Cabinet portfolios. The review has resulted in a number of changes to the portfolio structure and, in addition, three new roles of Cabinet Champions are being proposed.

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) note the revised portfolio structure agreed by the Leader of the Council; and
- (ii) approve the appointment of the following Cabinet Champions for the 2018/19 Municipal Year:
 - Education and Youth Cllr Sue Carter
 - Armed Forces Cllr Jacqui Vosper
 - Events and Civic Pride Cllr Liz Corps

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Since the current Cabinet embarked on its work two years ago, the Council has been through a period of transition, especially following the appointment of a new Chief Executive and the plan to deliver the "Listen, Learn and Deliver Better" ethos. The Council Plan for 2018/19 reflects the Council's approach to become more customer focused, achieve financial sustainability and deliver excellent services. The Cabinet is considering a major programme for change, Rushmoor 2020, earlier in the meeting and I am keen to ensure that the Cabinet portfolio structure reflects this programme and have therefore carried out a review, in conjunction with other Members of the Cabinet and the Chief Executive.

2. BACKGROUND AND CHANGES

- 2.1 The basic portfolio structure has been in place since the Cabinet system was introduced in 2001. A number of adjustments have been made over the years within the structure to reflect the evolution of responsibilities and changes in functions.
- 2.2 In undertaking the review, account has been taken of the following:

- the Council Plan projects and priorities
- the Chief Executive's proposals for the senior management re-structure which it is proposed will be reflected in the portfolios
- ensuring that the portfolios work effectively within the new governance arrangements
- 2.3 The new structure also gives the Leader and Deputy Leader a freer role to act corporately, both inside and outside the organisation. The new portfolio structure is attached along with a chart showing how the Council Plan actions for 2018/19 are divided within the portfolio structure.
- 2.4 The Cabinet has also been examining opportunities to provide Members with opportunities for development and to lead on specific projects. A system has been established where up to three Cabinet Champion roles will be established each year for Members not on the Cabinet. Following discussion with other Cabinet Members, it is proposed that this year the three Cabinet Champions will cover:
 - Education and Youth
 - Armed Forces
 - Events and Civic Pride
- 2.5 The proposed Members to fill these roles are preparing work programmes for the year, which are being agreed with the Leader and Deputy Leader and the Chief Executive, and the outcomes will be monitored. This new approach will enable work to be carried out which would not normally fall within one of the portfolios.

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 The proposed portfolio structure better reflects the change programme being driven forward by the Council and supports the work being carried out on the key priorities. The structure is flexible and will be kept under review. Adjustments may need to be made over time, especially as the modernisation and improvement programme progresses.

Background Documents:

Cabinet Report No. PS1801

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