

DECISION OF THE LEADER – 21st MARCH 2024

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET

Purpose of Decision

To make changes to the membership of the Cabinet following the resignation on 21st March 2024 of Councillor Louise Jones who was a Member of the Cabinet.

Decision

That the following Cabinet appointments be made with immediate effect, noting that the Leader of the Council will take on Councillor Louise Jones' portfolio temporarily.

Name (Group)	Lead Member Responsibility
Councillor Jewel Miah (Labour)	Leader of the Council Responsibility for Corporate Strategy and oversight, Strategic Relationships, Communications, Corporate Performance, Emergency Planning, Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion, Climate Action and Net Zero , Property and Assets and Armed Forces
Councillor Colin Hamilton (Labour)	Deputy Leader - Public and Private Sector Housing Responsibility for Repairs & Investment, Tenancy Management, Supported Housing, Rents & Income Management, Leaseholders and Lifeline, Refugee Resettlement, Housing Options, Allocations & Lettings, Housing Needs, Empty Homes and HMO Licensing. Training and Development (Members and officers).
Councillor Ian Ashcroft (Labour)	Finance, Customer & Support Services, Revenues and Benefits Capital and Revenue budgets and the MTFS. Revenues and Benefits services, Audit & Risk Democratic Services, Legal Services, HR, Electoral Services, ICS and customer experience

Councillor Kanchan Jadeja (Labour)	Planning Responsibility for Development Control, Conservation & Landscape, Building Control and S106 Agreements.
Councillor Jennifer Tillotson (Labour)	Economic Development, Regeneration and Town Centres Economic Development strategy and policy, Enterprise Zone, Town Deal and UKSPF. Markets & events, Town Centre Management, Public Conveniences, Tourism and visitor economy.
Councillor Anne Gray (Labour)	Waste, Open Spaces and Leisure facilities Responsibility for Waste strategy and services, Open Spaces strategy, Grounds Maintenance and Engineering, Leisure Centres, Town Hall and Museums.
Councillor Elizabeth Blackshaw (Labour)	Communities and Neighbourhoods Responsibility for Community Safety & Neighbourhood Development, Community Grants, Safeguarding, CCTV, Sports & Active Recreation, Regulatory Services, Parking, Env Health, Street Management and Licensing.

Reason

Under the Leader and Cabinet model, Council appoints the Leader, who then chairs and appoints members of the Cabinet (a total of 10 members of Cabinet being the legal maximum, 3 being the minimum) and allocates Cabinet responsibilities.

Background

At the Council meeting on 22nd May 2023, Council resolved that Councillor Miah be appointed Leader of the Council for Council term 2023/24 to 2026/27 (Council minute 7 2023/24 refers). The Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Constitution provide for the Leader to make appointments to the Cabinet and allocate Executive functions.

Financial Implications

The special responsibility allowances associated with Cabinet appointments will be funded from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in connection with this decision.

Signed:



Councillor Jewel Miah, Leader of the Council

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Key Decision: No

Background Documents: None