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APPOINTMENT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS, DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Executive arrangements adopted by the new Council in June 2009 mean that it is for the Leader not only to appoint his Cabinet, but also to decide on how the Executive functions are to be discharged.
- 1.2 This report sets out the Leader's proposals for the appointment of Portfolio Holders and Deputy Portfolio Holders for 2011/12 and provides details of their respective Portfolios and remits.

With effect from the Annual Meeting, the Leader is proposing to appoint six new Deputy Portfolio Holders to support the Cabinet, but to discontinue appointments to the office of Member Champions.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended:

- (a) That the appointment of Portfolio Holders (Cabinet Members) and the allocation of their individual areas of responsibility, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be noted;
- (b) That the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders and the allocation of their individual areas of responsibility, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, be noted;

- (c) That the decision not to appoint Member Champions be noted;
- (d) That the level of any Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the new deputy portfolio holders be referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel for consideration and report back and be applied retrospectively from the date of this meeting.
- (e) That the continuation of the discharge of the functions of the Council in relation to West Mercia Supplies through the West Mercia Supplies Joint Committee be confirmed and the Council's Executive member representatives be noted.
- (f) That the continuation of the discharge of functions through the Joint Member Board with the Shropshire Primary Care Trust be confirmed and that the Council's Executive representatives be noted.

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3.0 Background

3.1 Under Shropshire Council's Executive Procedural Rules, it is for the Leader of the Council to determine the membership of his Cabinet and to present the requisite information to the Council. This includes details of the names, addresses and electoral divisions of those he has appointed to the Executive, the extent of any authority delegated to Executive members individually, the terms of reference and constitution of any Executive committees and the nature and extent of any delegation of Executive functions under a joint arrangement.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 The proposals in respect of the appointments to the Executive and the remits and responsibilities of the various Portfolios of the members of the Executive, together with the names and addresses of those members, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 In addition, the proposals also include the appointment of six Deputy Cabinet members, and the remits and responsibilities of the various Portfolios together with the names and addresses of those members, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Statutory guidance issued in relation to the Members' Allowance Regulations 2003 states that councils should ensure that the number of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) paid to members does not exceed 50% of their total membership. In Shropshire's case this is a maximum of 37 SRAs. Currently, the number of SRAs totals 35. In order that the Council is able to comply with this requirement, whilst increasing the size of the Executive, the

Leader is proposing to discontinue the appointment of the six Member Champions, provision for which currently exists within the Constitution.

- 4.4 The Leader proposes that the level of the Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Deputy Portfolio Holders is referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel for consideration as soon as is practicable and be applied retrospectively from the date of this meeting.
- 4.5 The Leader proposes to maintain the current arrangements whereby the Council's responsibilities for West Mercia Supplies are discharged through the West Mercia Supplies Joint Committee. The Council's representatives on this Committee are Mr S F Charmley, Miss C M A Motley and Mr M J Owen.
- 4.6 The current arrangements for the discharge of functions through the Joint Member Board with the Shropshire County Primary Care Trust are also to be maintained. The Council's representatives on this body are Mr K R Barrow, Mrs A Caesar-Homden and Mr S P A Jones.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Executive arrangements under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Human Rights Act Appraisal

This report are compatible with the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

Environmental and sustainability issues are included within the Portfolio remit of one of the Portfolio Holders.

Risk Management Appraisal

None identified.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Not Applicable

Cabinet Member

Leader of the Council

Local Member

All

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Appointment of Portfolio Holders and Deputy Portfolio Holders