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Report

Subject : Review of Portfolio Holder Responsibilities
Report to : The Cabinet
Date : Wednesday 13 June 2007
Commencing at : 6.00pm
Cabinet Member : The Leader Councillor P W L Sample

1. Purpose of Report:

At the request of the Leader to consider changes to the Portfolio Holder arrangements in respect of the Cabinet.

2. Present Portfolio Arrangements:

1. Resources – covering finance, land, ICT, personnel, corporate management (including Best Value)
2. Environment and Transport - covering transportation and environmental strategy
3. Community and Housing – covering housing, community safety, social inclusion, young people, equality diversity, culture, arts, sport, public amenities and community organisations; and
4. Planning and Economic Development – covering economic development, tourism, rural regeneration and planning policy, including the local plan.

3. Proposed Portfolio Arrangements:

The Leader would like to make the portfolios more focused with eight Portfolio Holders instead of the current 4, namely:

- Budget and Finance
- Resources (including land, ICT, Personnel, Corporate Management)
- Transport (covering transportation)
- Environment (covering environmental policy and environmental health)
- Community Initiatives (covering community safety, social inclusion, young people, equality and diversity, culture, arts, sport, public amenities and community organisations)
- Housing (covering housing)
- Planning (including planning policy and the local plan)
- Economic Development and Tourism (covering economic development, tourism and rural regeneration)

Attached is a schedule which demonstrates the links between the community plan themes and the proposed Portfolio arrangements. The schedule also shows that the proposals are broadly consistent with arrangements in certain other Authorities.



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Consequently, under these arrangements, the existing deputy arrangements will be altered. It is proposed that deputies be retained to enable the special delegation procedure to continue and allow for cover in the absence of the relevant portfolio holder. It is proposed that budget and finance and resources portfolio holders will deputise for each other, transport and environment Portfolio Holders will deputise for each other, community initiatives and housing Portfolio Holders will deputise for each other and planning and economic development and tourism Portfolio Holders will deputise for each other.

In terms of allowances the remuneration scheme currently entitles the Portfolio Holders to receive £13,067 (including their basic allowance) and deputies to receive £8,711 including their basic allowance).

Should these arrangements for changing Portfolios be approved by Full Council, the Independent Remuneration Panel when it reviews the scheme later this year will be asked to take account of these changes and give a recommendation to Council on the consequent allowances. In the meantime, in the knowledge that the Leader wishes to see a reduction in the amount that a portfolio holder receives, the scheme allows members entitled to an allowance to forego all or any part of that allowance. For example a figure half way between these two amounts would result in a portfolio holders received allowance of £10,889, and if rounded down to £10,850 would generate a saving on the Cabinet element of the members' allowance budget.

4. Recommendations:

- (1) The Cabinet is asked to consider the above proposals and recommend to Council accordingly on the basis that paragraph 1.9 under the Cabinet's powers is altered to reflect the change in Portfolio arrangements.
- (2) To note as regards the Officers' Scheme of Delegation, and the special delegation arrangements under Part 6 of the Constitution para 1.1, as the concept of deputy Portfolio Holders is to be retained, albeit under different arrangements, it is not envisaged that any changes need to be made to that particular section.

5. Background Papers: Constitution

6. Implications:

- **Financial** : None
- **Legal** : None
- **Personnel** : None
- **ICT** : None
- **Community Safety** : None
- **Equality and Diversity** : None
- **Council's Core Values** : All
- **Ward(s) Affected** : All

Agenda Item 6a Schedule

Community Plans Theme	Corresponding Current Portfolio	Corresponding Portfolio Proposed by the Leader and Deputy Leader	Other Councils' Portfolios (Lib Dem)
Transport	Environment and Transport	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Prosperity and Transport (SL) • Transport and Streetscene (E) • Planning and Transport (Ca)
Crime & Community Protection	Community and Housing	Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Well-being (SL) • Community Health and Safety (C) • Community (L) • Community Development and Health (Ca) • Social Policy (E)
Countryside and Land-based Issues	Environment and Transport	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Sustainability (SL) • Environment and Recreation (C) • Environment (L) • Environment (E) • Environmental Services (Ca)
Children and Young People	Community and Housing	Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Well-being (SL) • Community Health and Safety (C) • Community (L) • Social Policy (E) • Community Development and Health (Ca)
Housing and the Built Environment	Community and Housing/ Planning and Economic Development	Housing/Planning/ Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Development (SL) • Housing/ Planning and Building Control (C) • Housing/Planning (L) • Housing/ Planning and Transport (Ca)
The Economy	Planning and Economic Development	Economic Development and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Prosperity and Transport (SL) • Local Economy (C) • Regeneration and Resources (E)
Social Care and Health	Community and Housing	Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Well-being (SL) • Community Health and Safety (C)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community (L) • Social Policy/Health (E) • Community Development and Health (Ca)
Culture	Community and Housing	Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Well-being (SL) • Community Health and Safety/Environment and Recreation (C) • Community (L) • Social Policy/Health (E) • Arts and Recreation (Ca)
Education, Skills and Learning	Community and Housing	Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Well-being (SL) • Community Health and Safety (C) • Community (L) • Social Policy/Health (E) • Arts and Recreation (Ca)
	Resources	Budget and Finance/Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, Performance and Resources/Central services (SL) • Finance and Corporate Management/ Performance Management and Community Relations (C) • Staff and Corporate Services (L) • Regeneration and Resources (E) • Customer Services and Resources (Ca)

Key to other Councils:

SL = South Lakeland DC

C = Caradon DC

L = Lewes DC

E = Eastleigh Borough Council

Ca = Cambridge City Council

Deputy Leaders: Lewes = Staff and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder