

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 8 June 2010

BY: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Cabinet Membership and Portfolios

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval of proposed changes to the Cabinet membership and portfolios, resulting from the appointment of a new Council Leader.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council agrees to the changes to Cabinet, as outlined in Section 3.2. and 3.3.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As a result of the appointment of a new Council Leader, there are a number of changes requiring to be made to Cabinet membership and portfolios. The Administration has requested that these changes be made prior to the meeting of the Council on 22 June. Any further changes to committee membership and representation on outside bodies will be presented to the meeting on 22 June.
- 3.2 Given Councillor Berry's decision to stand down from serving on the Cabinet, the Administration propose to appoint Councillor Jacquie Bell as a member of the Cabinet.
- 3.3 The proposed changes to responsibilities for Cabinet members are outlined below:

Current Portfolios:

Public Health	Cllr R Knox
Economic Development and Tourism	Cllr S MacKinnon
Education & Children's Services	Cllr P MacKenzie
Partnership & Social Care	Cllr R Currie

Housing	Cllr S Currie
Environment	Cllr B Turner
Community Wellbeing	Cllr P McLennan

Proposed Portfolios:

Health & Social Care	Cllr J Bell (new member and new portfolio)
Economic Development & Tourism	Cllr S MacKinnon (no change)
Education & Children's Services	Cllr P MacKenzie (no change)
Housing	Cllr S Currie (no change)
Environment	Cllr B Turner (no change)
Community Wellbeing	Cllr R Currie (new portfolio)

- 3.3 Members will observe the proposal to combine the portfolios for Public Health and Partnership and Social Care to form the portfolio of Health & Social Care. Councillor Knox, the current portfolio holder for Public Health has intimated that due to his other Council commitments, he wishes to relinquish his responsibilities for Public Health.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – The appointment of Councillor Bell to the Cabinet as portfolio holder for Health & Social Care attracts an increase from her existing allowance of £16,234 as an Ordinary Councillor to that of £20,294 as a Senior Councillor. The Head of Finance has confirmed that these changes still conform to the requirements of the relevant SLARC (Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee) regulations. Given the net reduction in cost resulting from the change in Council Leadership should Agenda Item 1 be approved, the increased cost associated with this report recommendation can be contained within the existing approved budget for the Chief Executive's Office.
- 6.2 Personnel - None.
- 6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Report to Council on 15 May 2007 – Appointments to Outside Bodies as Proposed by the Administration
- 7.2 Report to Council on 26 June 2007 – Appointment of Committees etc of the Council, and the Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies – Update Report
- 7.3 Report to Council on 25 August 2009 – Appointment to Committees of the Council – Update Report
- 7.4 Report to Council on 8 June 2010 – Appointment of Council Leader
- 7.5 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

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