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**UPDATED REPORT**

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# APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS, DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS & THEIR PORTFOLIOS

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## 1. Synopsis

This report sets out the Leader's proposals for the appointment of Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members, their portfolios and remits.

## 2. Executive Summary

In accordance with The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Executive arrangements adopted for Shropshire Council means it is for the Leader not only to appoint the Cabinet but also to decide how the Executive functions are to be discharged.

The Leader therefore presents the contents of this report for information accordingly.

### 3. **Recommendations**

- A. That the appointment of Cabinet Members and the allocation of titles and remits of portfolios, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be noted.
- B. That the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and the allocation of titles and remits of portfolios, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be noted.
- C. (i) That the continuation of the discharge of the functions of the Council in relation to West Mercia Energy through the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee and the West Mercia Energy Pension Committee be noted and the Council's Executive Member representatives be noted, namely Councillor Roger Evans and Councillor Rob Wilson serving on the Joint Committee.  
  
(ii) That the continuation of the discharge of functions through the Health and Well-Being Board be noted and the Council's Executive representatives be noted, namely: Councillors Ruth Houghton, Bernie Bentick and Heather Kidd

## **Report**

### 4. **Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 4.1 This report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

### 5. **Financial Implications**

- 5.1. Cabinet Members and their Deputies are paid a Special Responsibility Allowance which is set out in the Scheme of Allowances

### 6. **Climate Change Appraisal**

- 6.1. This report will have no obvious impact in terms of climate change

### 7. **Background**

- 7.1 Under Shropshire Council's Executive Procedure Rules, it is for the Leader of the Council to determine the membership of their Cabinet and to present to Council a document containing the requisite information. This document contains the names, and electoral divisions of the people to be appointed to the Executive, the extent of any authority delegated to Executive members individually, the terms of reference and constitution of any Executive Committees as the Leader proposes, and the nature and extent of any delegation of Executive functions under a joint arrangement. These are all Leader appointments, in accordance with the legislation.

## 8. Additional Information

- 8.1. The proposals in respect of the appointments to the Cabinet and the titles and remits of the various portfolios of the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members together with the names of those Members, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 8.2. Currently West Mercia Energy exercises executive functions through its Joint Committee and the Leader proposes to maintain these arrangements and will appoint two Cabinet members to the Committee.
- 8.3. Currently Executive functions are also exercised through the Health and Well-being Board. The Leader will appoint three Cabinet members to serve on the Board.

**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 – Paper to Council 19 December 2008.

**Local Member:** All

### Appendices

1. Appointment of Cabinet & Deputy Cabinet Members, Member Portfolios and remit.

**APPENDIX 1****APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS AND  
AGREEMENT OF MEMBER PORTFOLIOS****1. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS:**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>
1	Heather Kidd	Chirbury And Worthen
2	Alex Wagner	Quarry & Coton Hill
3	Roger Evans	Longden
4	Ruth Houghton	Bishops Castle
5	Andy Hall	Whitchurch North
6	David Walker	Whittington
7	David Vasmer	Underdale
8	James Owen	Oswestry North East
9	Rob Wilson	Copthorne
10	Bernie Bentick	Meole

**PORTFOLIOS**

	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>NAME OF CABINET MEMBER</b>
1.	Leader – Strategy and Performance	Heather Kidd
2.	Deputy Leader - Communities	Alex Wagner
3.	Finance	Roger Evans
4.	Social Care	Ruth Houghton
5.	Children And Education	Andy Hall
6.	Planning	David Walker
7.	Highways And Environment	David Vasmer
8.	Housing And Leisure	James Owen
9.	Transport And Economic Growth	Rob Wilson
10.	Health and Public Protection	Bernie Bentick

**2. DEPUTY LEADER**

Councillor Alex Wagner will act as Deputy Leader of the Council.

## AGREEMENT OF DEPUTY PORTFOLIOS

### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

	NAME	ELECTORAL DIVISION
1.	Joshua Dickin	Craven Arms
2.	Sho Abdul	Whitchurch West
3.	Neil Bentley	Cheswardine
5.	Tom Dainty	Market Drayton East and Rural
6.	Jeremy Blandford	Market Drayton North
7	Robert Jones	Ruyton and Baschurch
8	Sarah Marston	The Meres
9	Alison Williams	Shawbury

### PORTFOLIOS

	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDER
	Heather Kidd	Alison Williams
	Alex Wagner	Joshua Dicken (Communities)
	Roger Evans	Sho Abdul
	Ruth Houghton	Sarah Marston
	Andy Hall	Neil Bentley
	David Walker	Ben Jephcott
	David Vasmer	Tom Dainty
	James Owen	Jeremy Blandford
	Rob Wilson	Robert Jones