

Report to: **Leader and Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development**

Date: **21 January 2016**

By: **Chief Executive**

Title of report: **Delegations in relation to Executive Functions**

Purpose of report: **To consider delegations in relation to executive functions and Cabinet portfolios.**

RECOMMENDATIONS: **The Leader is recommended to consider any changes he wishes to make in relation to the Cabinet portfolios set out in Appendix 1**

1 Background Information

1.1 At the Council meeting in May 2015, the Leader of the Council presented his report in relation to the delegation of executive functions including those allocated to Cabinet Members. The Leader agreed to a number of changes to portfolios at a meeting on 3 November 2015. A copy of the Leader's report, including the changes agreed in November, is attached at Appendix 1.

1.2 Consideration has been given to the scope of the Cabinet portfolios in relation to Children's Services and it is proposed that the following change be made:

Function	Current Cabinet Portfolio	Proposed Cabinet Portfolio
Special Educational Needs	Children and Families	Learning and School Effectiveness

1.3 If this proposal is agreed, it is suggested that the name of the Cabinet portfolio be changed from 'Learning and School Effectiveness' to 'Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability' to reflect the scope of the revised portfolio.

1.4 The proposed changes have no impact on the arrangements for scrutiny committees or their terms of reference.

2 Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

2.1 The Leader is responsible for appointing members of the Cabinet and determining the content of portfolios assigned to Cabinet Members. The Leader can review portfolio content at any point during the year. Having reviewed the Cabinet portfolios it is recommended that the portfolios of Cabinet Members be changed as set out in paragraph 1.2 above in order to align portfolios in the interests of efficiency. In addition, it is proposed that the Learning and School Effectiveness portfolio be renamed as set out in paragraph 1.3 in order to better describe the revised portfolio.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: County Council Constitution