

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

COUNCIL

14th February 2020

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF
DIGITAL OFFICER**

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

**CHANGES TO THE POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND
MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE
BODIES**

Purpose of the Report

1. To authorise changes to the allocation of seats on council committees to the political groups.
2. To authorise a reduction in the size of the Cabinet.
3. To approve the portfolios of the nine Cabinet members.
4. To approve the appointment of the Deputy Leader of Council
5. To authorise changes proposed by Group leaders to the membership of committees.
6. To authorise consequential changes to the Council's representation on outside bodies.

Summary

As a result of the recent Rhos by election and the decision of Cllr D M Peters to sit as an unaffiliated Member, the political makeup of the Council has changed. Consequently, changes are needed to the allocation of seats between political groups and consequential changes are also needed to the membership of committees and outside bodies.

Additionally, a vacancy has arisen in the Cabinet and the Leader of Council proposes that the size of the Cabinet should be reduced to nine members with the political portfolios to be adjusted accordingly.

a) Allocation of Seats amongst political groups

The proposed proportional allocation of seats to each relevant committee is enclosed at Annex A for Council approval. Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders of the three political groups on the proposed allocations. The Group Leaders also support the proposed allocation of two seats to the unaffiliated Member.

b) Changes to the size of the Cabinet

The Leader has reviewed the size of the Cabinet following a vacancy occurring within the Cabinet. He proposes that the size of the Cabinet be reduced from ten Cabinet Members to nine Cabinet Members.

c) Cabinet Portfolios

Subject to Council approving a reduction in the size of the Cabinet set out in b) above, the Leader proposes that Cabinet Portfolios be as set out in Annex B.

d) Appointments to the Cabinet

Council is asked to approve the appointment of Cllr E V Latham as the Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Engineering. All other Cabinet appointments remain as approved by Council at the Annual Meeting.

e) Membership of the Council's Committees

Group Leaders have notified the Chief Executive of changes that they propose should be made to the membership of committees. The changes are specified below with the full detail of the proposed revised committee membership arrangements set out in Annex C:

Labour Group Nominations

Cllr S M Penry be removed as a member of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee.

Cllr S M Penry be removed as a member of the Registration and Licensing Committee.

Cllr R Mizen be appointed to the vacancy on the Audit Committee (formerly Cllr A L Thomas).

Cllr E V Latham replace Cllr A J Taylor on the Democratic Services Committee.

Cllr S Pursey be appointed to the Income Generation Panel and Cllr C Clement Williams be appointed Chairperson.

f) Changes to the Council's Representation on Outside Bodies

Finally, Council is asked to approve the amended schedule of appointments to Outside Bodies contained in Annex D.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce Impacts.

Legal Powers

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/contents>

Risk Management

There are no risk management issues that require attention.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

That Council approves:-

1. The proportional allocation of seats to the political groups as contained in Annex A.
2. A reduction in the size of the Cabinet from ten Cabinet members to nine Cabinet members;
3. The proposed political portfolios of the nine Cabinet members as set out in Annex B;
4. The appointment of Cllr E V Latham as Deputy Leader of Council and the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Engineering.
5. The changes to the membership of committees as contained in Annex C;
6. The Council's representation on outside bodies as contained in Annex D.

Reason for Proposed Decisions:

To update the Council's membership arrangements.

Implementation of Decisions

The decisions are for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Constitution.

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