

North Yorkshire County Council

Informal meeting of Leader and Executive Members

24 August 2021

Changes to Executive Member Portfolios & Appointments to Outside Bodies

1.0	Purpose of the Report
1.1	To revise appointments to the Executive and update Executive Member portfolios, and make an appointment to the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System Partnership Board.

2.0 Executive Member Portfolios

2.1 This report presents two proposed amendments to the titles of the Executive Member portfolios for the Leader's consideration, as follows:

- (a) That climate change be added to the portfolio of the Executive Member for Customer Engagement, including contact centre, website, libraries, digital, and performance management (complaints and compliments), so that the title of that post becomes:

'Executive Member for Climate Change and Customer Engagement including contact centre, website, libraries, digital, performance management (complaints and compliments)'

- (b) That 'including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals)' be removed from the title of the portfolio of the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals), so that the title of the post becomes:

'Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing'

2.2 It is also proposed that the Constitution be updated to reflect that all Executive Members in carrying out their duties as a portfolio holder are responsible for equality, diversity and inclusion, with a statement to that affect also being added to the Executive webpage on the Council's website at: [Committee details - Executive | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

2.3 The alternative would be for the Leader to consider adding 'equality, diversity and inclusion' to the title of each portfolio post holder. However, the titles of each portfolio are already long and there is a risk that the longer titles taken in isolation might suggest that an Executive member was responsible for all equality, diversity and inclusion issues, not just those in their portfolio area.

2.4 If this alternative approach were applied, the revised portfolio titles would read as follows:

- Leader of the Council, also responsible for communications, emergency planning, community safety, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Deputy Leader - Executive Member for Finance and Assets including special projects, financial and HR performance management, equality, diversity and inclusion

- Executive Member for Education and Skills, including early years, schools, apprenticeships, FE colleges and UTCs, engagement with the skills agenda of the LEP, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Access, including highways, road and rail transport, public transport; Broadband, mobile phones; public rights of way, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Stronger Communities, including committee services, legal services, corporate development, overview and scrutiny committees, area committees, performance management, locality budgets, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, including health and wellbeing board, health integration, extra care, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals), equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Open to Business, including growth, economic development, planning, waste management, trading standards unit, business relations, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Executive Member for Climate Change, Customer Engagement, (including contact centre, website, libraries, digital, and performance management - complaints and compliments), equality, diversity and inclusion

3.0 Appointments to Executive Member Portfolios

- 3.1 The Leader is responsible for all appointments to Executive Member portfolios. This report presents the following proposals for his consideration:
- County Councillor Andrew Lee to be appointed the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, in place of County Councillor Caroline Dickinson;
 - County Councillor Derek Bastiman to be appointed the Executive Member for Open to Business, including growth, economic development, planning, waste management, trading standards unit and business relations;

3.0 Appointments to Outside Bodies

- 3.1 The Executive are asked to consider recommending to the Chief Executive Officer that using his emergency delegated powers, he appoint County Councillor Andrew Lee (as the new Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing), to the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System Partnership Board.

Implications

- 3.1 There are no equalities, finance, legal or climate change implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Leader makes the following decisions:
- That County Councillor Caroline Dickinson be removed from the Executive from 24 August 2021.
 - That the following appointments be made to the Executive:-
 - County Councillor Andrew Lee, as the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals)
 - County Councillor Derek Bastiman, as the Executive Member for Open to Business, including growth, economic development, planning, waste management, trading standards unit and business relations;

iii. That Climate Change be included in the Executive Member for Customer Engagement portfolio, as follows:

‘Executive Member for Climate Change and Customer Engagement including contact centre, website, libraries, digital, performance management (complaints and compliments)’

iv. That ‘including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals)’ be removed from the title of the portfolio of the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including sustainability and transformation plans (issues relating to Friarage and Darlington Hospitals)

4.2 The Executive are asked to recommend to the Chief Executive that under his emergency delegated powers he appoint County Councillor Andrew Lee to the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System Partnership Board

4.3 That the Constitution (and Council website) be updated by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) under his delegated powers in Article 15.02(c)(iii) to update the Constitution, to reflect the changes set out in recommendations 4.1 & 4.2 above, and to reflect that all Executive Members in carrying out their duties as a portfolio holder are responsible for equality, diversity and inclusion (as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of this report).

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