

**Cabinet Membership and Portfolios****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

To note the membership of the Cabinet and agreed revised Cabinet portfolios.

**2 Cabinet Membership****2.1** Arising from the decisions of the Council on 19 November and 17 December 2013, the five elected members on the Cabinet are now:-

Councillor Thompson (Convener)  
Councillor Constable (Depute Convener)  
Councillor Bryant  
Councillor Johnstone  
Councillor Rosie

**2.2** When dealing with Education matters, the Cabinet's membership is supplemented by the three statutory religious representatives required under Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. They remain unchanged as follows:-

- (i) Church of Scotland – Mr Paul Hayes, 127 Deanburn, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 0JA;
- (ii) Roman Catholic Church - Mr Victor H Bourne, 55 Newbattle Abbey Crescent, Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 3LN; and
- (iii) "Third Religious Representative" – Mrs Margaret Harkness, 2 Fowler Crescent, Loanhead, EH20 9RX

**3 Cabinet Portfolios****3.1** In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the five Cabinet elected members will each have a portfolio as determined by the Cabinet.**3.2** At the meeting of the Council on 17 December 2013, arising from the changes in Cabinet membership referred to above, the intention was noted for the Cabinet portfolios to be amended as follows:-

Councillor Thompson	Finance and Integrated Service Support with Customer and Housing
Councillor Constable	Education
Councillor Bryant	Communities & Economy
Councillor Johnstone	Children's Services with Adult and Social Care
Councillor Rosie	Commercial Services with Property and Facilities Management

**3.3** The intention is for the portfolios, in the main, to align with the Head of Service roles agreed at the Special Meeting of the Council on 3 December 2013, although there will be some exceptions to this principle.

## **4 Report Implications**

### **4.1 Resource**

There are no changes in overall Cabinet elected member remuneration arising from this report.

### **4.2 Risk**

By aligning the Cabinet portfolios as far as possible with Head of Service roles, this reduces overlap, creates clearer reporting lines and thereby reduces risk.

### **4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ **Community safety**
- ☐ **Adult health, care and housing**
- ☐ **Getting it right for every Midlothian child**
- ☐ **Improving opportunities in Midlothian**
- ☐ **Sustainable growth**
- ☐ **Business transformation and Best Value**
- ☒ **None of the above**

### **4.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

Improved alignment between Cabinet portfolios and Head of Service roles can have a positive influence on performance and outcomes.

### **4.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable.

### **4.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

Not applicable.

### **4.7 Ensuring Equalities**

Not applicable.

### **4.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

Not applicable.

### **4.9 IT Issues**

Not applicable.

## **5 Recommendations**

The Cabinet is invited to note its revised membership and to confirm the portfolios referred to above.

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