

## **Cabinet Portfolios**

### **Report by John Blair, Director, Resources**

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

Following the decision of Midlothian Council on 3 November 2015, the purpose of this report is to invite the Cabinet to approve the proposed Cabinet portfolios and further to confirm the appointments of the Cabinet Members to each of the portfolios.

#### **2 Cabinet Membership and Portfolios**

##### **2.1** Section 3.1 of the Scheme of Administration states that the 'Cabinet will comprise 6 Members, including a Convener and a Depute Convener, each having a portfolio as determined by the Cabinet.'

Following the decision of the Council on 25 September, it was agreed that the membership of the Cabinet be reduced from 6 Members to 5 Members.

##### **2.2** During the meeting of the Council on 3 November 2015, the membership of the Cabinet was confirmed as the following:

Councillor Cath Johnstone  
Councillor Bob Constable  
Councillor Derek Rosie  
Councillor Jim Bryant  
Councillor Kelly Parry

##### **2.3** Following on from this, further work has been carried out to formulate proposals for the portfolios for each of the Cabinet Members which is reflective of the current Council management structure.

##### **2.4** As a result of this work, it is proposed that the Cabinet portfolios are as follows:

- Adult and Social Care
- Education and Children's Services
- Planning Communities and Economy
- Finance and Integrated Service Support with Customer and Housing Services
- Commercial Services and Property and Facilities Management (including Borders Railway)

#### **3 Portfolios Holders**

##### **3.1** If the Cabinet are minded to accept the proposals in relation to the portfolios, the Members of the Cabinet are requested to confirm the portfolio holders for each of the revised portfolios.

## **4 Report Implications**

### **4.1 Resource Implications**

There are no direct Resource implications in relation to this report.

### **4.2 Risk Implications**

Failure to agree and confirm the portfolios will reduce the scrutiny function of the Cabinet.

### **4.3 Policy Implications**

#### **Strategy**

There are no strategy implications arising from this report.

#### **Consultation**

No consultations have been undertaken in connection with this report.

#### **Equalities**

An equalities impact assessment is not required in connection with this report.

#### **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **5 Recommendations**

The Cabinet is invited to:

- (a) Agree the portfolios for the Cabinet Members; and
- (b) Confirm the Cabinet Member for each portfolio.

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