

FORM 2

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

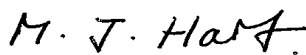
Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Cabinet Advisory Panel – Corporate Plan	To create a cross-party advisory panel to advise the Cabinet on the preparation of the corporate plan for 2023-27	The Corporate Plan runs from 2019 to 2023 and now needs refreshing following the May elections. The next plan should be for the period from 2023 to 2027, to align with the life of the new council.	2 nd June 2023

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 2nd June 2023

Signed: 
Councillor: Marcus Hart
Leader

To: Councillor Marcus Hart, Leader of the Council

From: Ian Miller, Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer

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Date: 2 June 2023

CABINET ADVISORY PANEL – CORPORATE PLAN

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To create a cross-party advisory panel to advise the Cabinet on the preparation of the corporate plan for 2023-2027

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To constitute a Cabinet advisory panel of ten members, chaired by the Leader of the Council. The terms of reference and political balance are set out in the body of the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan runs from 2019 to 2023 and now needs refreshing following the May elections. The next plan should be for the period from 2023 to 2027, to align with the life of the new council. The intention is that Council in September would be invited to adopt the plan, with work between now and then to develop a draft and consult stakeholders and the public.
- 3.2 The Council will need to continue to close its financial gap. The exact contribution of the three Wyre Forest Forward levers that we have used for many years – internal efficiency, income generation, alternative service delivery models (shared services, localism etc) - remains to be seen. The new corporate plan may give greater emphasis to one or more of these areas and will inevitably be shaped by the new administration as it enjoys a clear majority on the Council. However, it is appropriate to ensure cross-party involvement so that the corporate plan enjoys good “ownership” across the Council. The proposed advisory panel will look at the extant data and the programme planned for seeking views from stakeholders, businesses and the public. This will include considering the draft of any questionnaire and the results of consultation.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The main role of the panel will be to assist and advise the Cabinet in the development of the corporate plan. The advisory panel will undertake research, consultation and reviews for the purpose of advising the Cabinet on the content and delivery of priorities in the Council Plan. The suggested terms of reference for the Panel are:

“To advise the Cabinet on the preparation of the Corporate Plan 2023-2027 including consultation arrangements.”

The proposed membership is 6 Conservatives, 2 Independent and Green, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat to be in line with political balance. These arrangements are now submitted for formal approval. It is hoped that the first meeting of the Panel will be in the latter part of June, or first half of July and that the Panel's work will be concluded by the beginning of September if a report is to be finalised for the Cabinet meeting on 12 September.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, other than staff time in supporting the Panel's work. Any financial implications of recommendations from the Panel would need to be identified and reported to Cabinet and Council when they take decisions related to the adoptions of the Corporate Plan.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The recommendations are about internal matters only and there are no specific legal requirements.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

7.1 The recommendations in this report have been screened for their impact on the various equality strands. There is none.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 No relevant issues identified.

9. CONSULTEES

9.1 Cabinet and Corporate Leadership Team.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.