



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 24th September, 2020

To the Chair and Members of the COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION BY THE ELECTED MAYOR OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE ELECTED MAYOR'S SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To receive an oral report from the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, on the composition and constitution of the Executive and the names of Councillors chosen to be Members of the Executive.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To note the Mayor's oral report to Council on the composition of the Executive.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

3. Citizens will be aware of who has been given responsibility for taking decisions. As a general rule, policy formulation and review decisions are taken by Elected Members and operational implementation decisions are taken by Officers.

BACKGROUND

4. Legislation provides for an Elected Mayor to put in place arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions. The Executive Procedure Rules within the Constitution require the Elected Mayor at the Annual Council Meeting, to inform Council of the composition of the Executive for the year ahead and to provide a broad outline of the Scheme of Delegations for the discharge of Executive functions.
5. The Executive Scheme of Delegations sets out who is responsible for discharging Executive functions, areas of portfolio responsibility and includes decision making powers delegated to Cabinet Members (if any) and Officers.

Notification of revision to the Executive Scheme of Delegations

6. On 8th September 2020, Mayor Ros Jones notified the Chief Executive that she wished to make a revision to the Executive Scheme of Delegations in relation to transferring a number of enforcement functions from the portfolio of the Cabinet

Member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment, to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services. As laid down in the Council's Constitution, this revision took immediate effect upon notice being served on the Chief Executive by the Mayor. The functions that were transferred are detailed in the table below:-

COUNCILLOR JOE BLACKHAM
(Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services)

Assistant Director of Environment	Environmental Enforcement
	Trading Standards
	Licensing & Business Safety
	Environmental Health
	Food and Animal Health
	Parking Enforcement
	Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement
	Private Sector Housing Enforcement
	Gypsy and Traveller Liaison
	Planning Enforcement (Operator)

Work in preparing a new Scheme of Delegations for Executive functions is currently underway. This will not only incorporate the above changes to portfolios, but will also reflect the outcome of the recent senior management functional realignment review. Upon completion, the revised Scheme will be circulated to all Members of the Council for their information.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- 7. Failure to report this information would be in breach of the Council's Constitution.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

- 8. This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Outcomes, but the existence of a Scheme of Delegations for the discharge of Executive functions, will contribute to effective decision-making.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- 9. There are no identified risks or assumptions relevant to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SRF Date 21.08.20]

- 10. The proposals set out in this report are consistent with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PH Date 19.08.20]

- 11. The Members' Allowances Scheme makes provision for Special Responsibility Allowances to be paid to the Mayor and Cabinet Members.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials RH Date 24.08.20]

12. There are no HR implications associated with the contents of this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials AM Date 19.08.20]

13. There are no technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials RS Date 20.08.20]

14. There are no direct health implications from this report. However, the way the responsibilities outlined in this scheme of delegation are delivered will have a significant impact on improving the health of Doncaster people and reducing health inequalities. Further advice can be provided by the Director of Public Health if required.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials DMT Date 03.0.20]

15. There are no specific equality implications arising from this report.

CONSULTATION

16. Should the Elected Mayor wish to make changes to the Scheme of Delegations for Executive functions, the Mayor will notify the Chief Executive by serving notice of the changes. The changes in delegation will take effect upon the Chief Executive being notified. A report notifying these changes should be reported to the next available Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Council Constitution

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