

Cabinet 7 February 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Graham White, Acting Corporate Director, Governance and Interim Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Update to Lead Member Responsibilities	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All Wards
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	One Tower Hamlets

Executive Summary

As set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 4.4 - Executive Procedure Rules), the Executive Mayor may delegate specific executive functions to the Executive (Cabinet) amongst others.

The Mayor presented a report to the Annual General Meeting of Council on 18 May 2016 setting out the Cabinet Member portfolios and areas of responsibility.

On Wednesday 25 January 2017, the Mayor wrote to Will Tuckley the Chief Executive outlining a number of minor changes to those portfolios. These changes are reported here for transparency.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 To note minor changes to Cabinet Lead Member responsibilities.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not applicable to a noting report.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Executive Procedure Rules at Part 4.4 of the Council's Constitution provide for the Mayor to delegate specific executive functions to:-
- the Executive as a whole (the Cabinet);
 - a committee of the Executive or an individual member of the Executive;
 - an officer;
 - an area committee;
 - a ward councillor (only in accordance with s.236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007);
 - joint arrangements; or
 - another local authority.
- 3.2 The Mayor may amend or revoke any delegation of an executive function at any time.
- 3.3 The Executive Scheme of Delegation must contain the following information in so far as it relates to executive functions:
- a) The extent of any authority delegated to any individual Executive Member or ward councillor including details of the limitation on their authority;
 - b) The terms of reference and constitution of such Executive Committees as the Mayor appoints and the names of Executive Members appointed to them;
 - c) The nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to area Committees, any other authority or any joint arrangements and the names of those Executive Members appointed to any joint Committee for the coming year; and
 - d) The nature and extent of any delegation of executive functions to officers not already specified in Part 3 of the Constitution, with details of any limitation on that delegation and the title of the officer to whom the delegation is made.

3.4 As a reminder the Cabinet Member Portfolios are set out below. These are unchanged.

Name	Portfolio
Mayor John Biggs	Executive Mayor Specific responsibility for Partnerships, Policy, Strategy & Performance
Cllr Sirajul Islam, Statutory Deputy Mayor	Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance Deputy Mayor Responsible also for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Faith Communities - Welfare Reform Response
Cllr Rachael Saunders Deputy Mayor for Education & Children's Services & the Third Sector	Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services Deputy Mayor Responsible also for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants & Third Sector
Cllr Shiria Khatun Deputy Mayor for Community Affairs	Cabinet Member for Community Safety Deputy Mayor Responsible also for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Cohesion. - Tackling Radicalisation.
Cllr Rachel Blake	Cabinet Member for Strategic Development
Cllr Joshua Peck	Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth
Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services
Cllr Asma Begum	Cabinet Member for Culture
Cllr Ayas Miah	Cabinet Member for Environment
Cllr David Edgar	Cabinet Member for Resources

- 3.5 The amendments to responsibilities notified to the Chief Executive are as follows:

Mayor John Biggs

In addition to those already listed, and my 'roving brief', there are always emerging priorities. I intend to work more closely with Rachel Blake and David Edgar on the development and delivery of regeneration projects and the capital programme, and I will continue to lead on the new Civic Centre. I will continue to prioritise good corporate and general governance, as the Commissioners depart and we continue with our restructure and improvement of the Council.

Cllr Sirajul Islam

Responsibility for implementation of the Housing Strategy agreed by Council in December, and will jointly oversee our crucial program of 1000 new council homes with Cllr Rachel Blake. Because of its overlap with planning policy, the development of housing policy will continue to be shared between Cllrs Islam and Blake. Because she has been working extensively on it, Cllr Blake's OHG work will continue, in liaison with Cllr Islam. Similarly, I will continue to lead on the resolution of our relationship with Old Ford/Clarion.

Cllr Rachel Blake

Will take on responsibility for Waste and Cleansing, in addition to her existing portfolio, but with a reduced role for housing, other than the policy and new homes work. There are significant decisions to be made soon about the shape of our future waste and cleansing contracts, which would benefit from knowledge of the future sustainability of the borough, gained through her work on the draft Local Plan.

Cllr Ayas Miah

To take on special responsibility for Sport and Physical Activity, with a particular remit to look at solving some of the ongoing issues around organised team sports in the borough.

Cllr Rachael Saunders

I will be asking another Cllr to work with Cllr Saunders on the developing Youth Services strategy. This will be finalised in the next few days. During the next year Cllr Saunders will also be responsible for developing our approach to the next round of Mainstream Grants. This will be a major piece of work.

Cllr Saunders/Cllr Peck: I expect the work on Adult and Community Learning, as it overlaps with skills and employment work, to be developed cooperatively by Cllrs Peck and Saunders.

Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs:

Cllr Whitelock Gibbs will work jointly with Cllr Amina Ali in the implementation of actions flowing from the work of the Somali Task Force. Cllr Whitelock Gibbs will also take on responsibility for Drugs and Alcohol health interventions, which was previously within the Community Safety portfolio.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

5.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 There are no implications directly arising from this report.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Best Value is achieved by ensuring that Cabinet Members are best placed to focus on the most important areas of policy and development as they arise.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 There are no implications directly arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications directly arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications directly arising from this report.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications directly arising from this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Report to Council AGM 18 May 2016

Appendices

- None

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A