
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

15 May 2020

Emergency Governance Decisions (Covid-19 Outbreak)

Title: Cabinet Roles

Purpose: To advise of alterations to Cabinet Member Portfolios.

Recommendation: That the Chief Executive, following appropriate consultation, agrees on behalf of the Council to note the alterations to Cabinet Member Portfolios as set out at Section 2.3 and detailed at Appendix 1.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The report provides details a refresh of Cabinet roles.

2. Background

2.1 In light of the current Covid-19 outbreak, meetings of the Council and its committees have been suspended until 30 June 2020. During this period, the Scheme of Delegation to Officers already allows the Chief Executive to consider and deal with any urgent issues, howsoever arising, subject to reporting back to the Cabinet for information at the first available opportunity. This power is to be exercised in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer and the relevant portfolio holder. Please see Section 5 for further details of the consultation which has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.

Previous Cabinet Portfolios

2.2 The Council, at its initial meeting held on 17 May 2017, agreed to note that the Administration had appointed the following Members to the Cabinet with the portfolio responsibilities indicated:

- Councillor Cullinane - Finance portfolio-holder
- Councillor Bell - Education portfolio-holder
- Councillor McPhater - Communities portfolio-holder
- Councillor Gallagher - Economy portfolio-holder
- Councillor Montgomerie - Place portfolio-holder
- Councillor Foster - Health and Social Care portfolio-holder

Refreshed Cabinet Roles

2.3 The Administration has taken the opportunity to refresh the roles of Cabinet Members to take into account a number of important themes, including the impact of Covid-19, the components of Community Wealth Building, and addressing Climate Change. In addition to the responsibilities set out below, the Leader will continue to maintain an overview of the Cabinet portfolios and key responsibilities in respect of areas such as policy, risk, health and safety, democratic, etc. In summary, the new Cabinet roles will be:

- Councillor Cullinane – Cabinet Member for Community Wealth Building
- Councillor Montgomerie – Cabinet Member for Green New Deal and Sustainability
- Councillor McPhater – Cabinet Member for Participatory Democracy
- Councillor Bell – Cabinet Member for Education
- Councillor Foster – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (and lead Member for Poverty)
- Councillor Gallagher – Cabinet Member for Post-Covid Renewal

2.4 These roles are set out in more detail at Appendix 1.

3. Proposals

3.1 The Chief Executive, following appropriate consultation, is invited on behalf of the Council to note the alterations to Cabinet Member roles as set out at Section 2.3 and detailed at Appendix 1.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None arising from the recommendations within this report.

Human Resources

4.2 None arising from the recommendations within this report

Legal

4.3 The decision on the functions of each Portfolio Holder and the identity of each Portfolio Holder is a decision for the Administration to make. However as this would normally be noted through a report to Cabinet, to enable transparency these changes have been noted by the Chief Executive, using his urgency powers. In turn this allows publication of a report detailing these changes

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

Environmental and Sustainability

- 4.5 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

Key Priorities

- 4.6 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

Community Wealth Building

- 4.7 Benefits arise from ensuring that the Council is appropriately represented on a range of outside bodies.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation, other than with the Leader of the Council on behalf of the Administration, was required in terms of the preparation of the report itself.

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Background Papers

N/A

REVISED CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Cabinet Member for Post Covid-Renewal: Alex Gallagher

Responsible for leading post Covid service change and transformation including:

- Transformation
- Digital
- Customer Services

Responsible for National Islands Plan and Arran/Cumbræ liaison including:

- Engagement with Arran and Cumbræ residents
- Links with Arran and North Coast and Cumbræ Localities Partnerships

Cabinet Member for Community Wealth Building: Joe Cullinane

Responsible for all activities relating to the 5 pillars of CWB including:

- Budget
- Procurement
- Business Support
- Land and assets
- Regeneration
- Human Resources
- Employability
- AGD

Cabinet Member for Green New Deal & Sustainability: Jim Montgomerie

Responsible for carbon reduction and sustainable environmental management including:

- Housing
- Capital projects
- Renewable Energy
- Transport and active travel
- Roads
- Recycling
- Facilities Management
- Biodiversity
- Protective and Regulatory services
- Environment
- Community Safety

Cabinet Member for Participatory Democracy: Louise McPhater

Responsible for improving participation with our communities including:

- Participatory Democracy/Budgeting 2.0
- Locality Planning
- CLD
- Libraries
- Sports and Activity
- Digital Participation
- Heritage and Culture
- Third and voluntary sector partnerships

Cabinet Member for Education: John Bell

Responsible for Young People's Education, Skills and Learning including:

- Learning and teaching/curriculum
- Schools
- Early Years
- ASN
- Post-school destinations and partnerships
- Family learning

Cabinet Member for HSCP (and lead member for Poverty): Robert Foster

Responsible for Health and Social Care Partnership services (IJB Chair) and Lead on reducing poverty.