

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

14 DECEMBER 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NEW LEADER AND OTHER VACANCIES : SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PARTNERSHIPS, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Following the election of a new Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive to submit a report which requests the Council to review the membership of forums, partnerships, working groups and appointments to Outside organisations and Lead Members.
- 1.2 The report also requests the Council to consider other vacancies listed in Appendix A.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **To review the roles held by the current Leader of the Council as listed at Appendix A and determine which are to be transferred to the new Leader of the Council.**
- 2.2 **To review other current vacancies as listed in Appendix A.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting held on 19 May 2011, the Council determined the allocation of seats on Committees and a Sub-Committee in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) and received nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and Sub-Committee for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2012. The Act states that political balance is required not only across the Committees but also within each Committee and Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 Following the election of a new Leader of the Council, the Council needs to reconsider the positions allocated to the current Leader of the Council.
- 3.3 The Terms of Reference of each of the policy committees requires that the Leader of the Council be a Member of those Committees.
- 3.4 Although there is no mention in the Constitution that the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee be held by the Leader of the Council, this has historically been the case at Melton and is a logical role for the Leader of the Council to hold due to the financial and policy leadership functions of that Committee.

3.5 With regard to the Council Business Development Sub Committee, this sub committee has been chaired by the Leader of the Council since it was set up after the fire in 2008 and again this role links to the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee.

3.6 Other roles currently held by the Leader are included in the attached appendix for the Council's consideration.

3.7 There are other vacancies caused by the sudden and sad death of Councillor Angrave which it is intended to consider following the by-election to be held on 15 December 2011. Also there are two substitute vacancies to the Welland Joint Committee which were not filled at the Annual Meeting in May 2011.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Leader of the Council sets the direction for the Council to follow and therefore plays an important role in all the Council's priorities especially in it being 'A well run Council'.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial or resource implications in this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 The legislation relating to political balance and its associated interpretation is referred to within this report as well as reference to the Constitution where required.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no community safety implications in this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 The Council has an equal opportunities and diversity policy and Councillors are required to receive training on equalities. Therefore when appointing Members to their roles, it is assumed that Group Leaders would take equalities issues into consideration.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 There are no risk implications in this report.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change implications in this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 There has been consultation with the leading Group Leader.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected by this report.

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Appendices : Appendix A - Roles held by the Leader

Background Papers: Local Government & Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended)
Constitution
Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19 May 2011

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