

Report of:	The Mayor – Andy Preston
Submitted to:	Council – 26 January 2022
Subject:	Amendment to the Executive Scheme of Delegation

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That Members note the changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Can be called-in:
To be Noted	No	No	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2021-24 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
Not applicable	Not applicable	The Mayor is required to report to full Council, any changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation.

Ward(s) affected
Not applicable

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To advise members of changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

2. The Mayor is required to report to Council, any changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation, in accordance with Executive Procedure Rules - Paragraph 1.4 (a), as set out in the Council’s Constitution.

Report Background

3. On 13 December 2021, members received an email advising of the following changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation:

4. In order to provide a cohesive voice and a clear and unambiguous line of political accountability for children's well-being and education both Executive portfolios will be merged into one.
5. The Mayor will relinquish responsibility for Children's Services and Councillor Smiles will take on this responsibility in addition to her role as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Hill will take on the portfolio of Culture and Communities. Councillor Smiles' portfolio is now the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for the Children's Services. Integrating education and children's social care services under a single member provides both a strategic and professional framework within which the safety and the educational, social and emotional needs of children and young people are considered together.
6. Councillor Hill's portfolio is now the Executive Member for Culture and Communities.
7. The Mayor also created two additional Executive Member portfolios, as follows:
8. **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety** – Councillor Tony Grainge has been appointed to this role. The portfolio is as follows:
9. The Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety will have responsibility for coordinating council responses to ASB and crime, spearheading work to improve the interaction with the police to support the police in their duty to prevent crime and the fear of crime, liaison with wardens and other departments. The portfolio holder will explore new ways to make residents feel safe and report incidents.
10. The portfolio holder will also take responsibility for making sure that communities maintain and grow a sense of neighbourliness and that residential and business property owners who bring an area down by neglect are appropriately challenged and pushed to improve.
11. In circumstances where it is considered that an Executive Member would have a prejudicial interest the matter will be referred to the Deputy Mayor.
12. **Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement** – Councillor Luke Mason has been appointed to this role. The portfolio is as follows:
13. The portfolio holder will take responsibility for making sure Middlesbrough offers the careers, opportunities and amenities that will make young adults (16-25 years old) want to stay here and thrive and others want to move here.
14. The portfolio holder will also take responsibility for making sure that the council engages with young adults and all groups, encouraging increased levels of democratic engagement.
15. In circumstances where it is considered that an Executive Member would have a prejudicial interest the matter will be referred to the Deputy Mayor.
16. **The Mayor**
17. The Mayor will retain responsibility for Adult Social Care and Public Protection.
18. The General responsibilities of the Deputy Mayor have also been amended as follows:

19. General responsibilities of the Deputy Mayor

20. To support the Mayor in the development and promotion of Council activities, policies and performance and to lead on monitoring performance of the Council against the Strategic Plan.

21. Duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Mayor -

1. Chairing meetings of the Executive in the absence of the Mayor.
2. If for any reason the Mayor is unable to act, the Deputy Mayor will act in his place until the Mayor is again able to act.
3. Co-ordination and promotion of liaison between the Mayor, Executive and non-Executive Members.
4. Leading on corporate issues in connection with the Council's performance.
5. Leading on corporate external inspection and assessments.
6. Ensuring a cohesive voice and acting as the lead member for children's well-being and education including involvement in internal / external inspections and assessments
7. Promotion and development of Member accountability especially in relation to Members performance.
8. Ensuring that there is effective liaison and co-ordination between the Executive and Scrutiny.
9. Promotion and development of non-Executive Member involvement in Council policy at the initial stages of policy formulation.
10. Acting as the lead member and Chair Works Council establishing regular consultation between elected members of the Council and the recognised trades unions on issues affecting the Council at a strategic level.
11. To undertake any projects or duties as may be directed by the Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor has delegated powers:

- a. To appoint to outside bodies, made by the Executive or jointly with Council.
- b. To appoint to Executive Advisory Bodies (Excluding membership to the Full Executive)

22. The Constitution requires that any changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation are subsequently reported to full Council.

What decision(s) are being asked for? Why is this being recommended?

23. That the changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation, as set out in paragraph 3, be noted.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

24. No other options were considered.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

25. There are no legal implications as a result of this report

Financial

26. There are no financial implications arising from this report

Policy Framework

27. The report does not impact on the overall budget and policy framework

Equality and Diversity

28. Not applicable

Risk

29. It is important that the democratic process is followed. If the Council does not have adequate governance processes in place to ensure that it complies with all relevant legislation, it could result in a breach in governance requirements leading to (depending on the seriousness of the breach) fines, reputational damage, government intervention alongside failure to deliver organisational priorities.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

30. Update the Constitution with the changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation.

Background papers

No unpublished background papers were used in the preparation of this report.