

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at this Wednesday, 20th September, 2023 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

5 **In Year Appointments for the 2023 - 2024 Municipal Year (Pages 3 - 14)**

[To approve In Year Appointments for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year – To Follow]

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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Meeting of the City Council 20 September 2023
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Report title	In Year Appointments for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year	
Referring body	N/A	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Stephen Simkins	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Stephen Simkins Leader of the Council	
Accountable director	David Pattison, Chief Operating Officer	
Originating service	Democratic Services	
Accountable employee	Jaswinder Kaur	Democratic Services and Systems Manager
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to approve:

1. Note the appointment, by the Leader of the Council, of Councillors to the Cabinet, the specified lead Cabinet Member roles and Cabinet Panels set out in Appendix 1.
2. The removal of Councillor Jacqui Coogan from the Scrutiny Board for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
3. The appointment of Councillor Jas Dehar to the Scrutiny Board for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
4. The removal of Councillor Jacqui Coogan from the Governance and Ethics Committee as member and Vice Chair for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
5. The appointment of Councillor Rohit Mistry as Vice Chair to the Governance and Ethics Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
6. The removal of Councillor Jacqui Coogan from the West Midlands Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a substitute for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.

7. The appointment of Councillor Rita Potter to the West Midlands Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a substitute for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
8. The removal of the Leader from the West Midlands Rail Ltd as Principal Director for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
9. The appointment of the Deputy Leader as Principal Director to the West Midlands Rail Ltd for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
10. The appointment of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change as substitute director to the West Midlands Rail Ltd for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
11. The removal of Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education from the Wolverhampton Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.
12. The appointment of Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education to the Wolverhampton Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the remainder of the Municipal year 2023/2024.

1.0 Purpose

1.0 To approve in year appointments for the 2023- 2024 municipal year.

2.0 Background

2.0 The composition of the Political balance, appointment of the Cabinet, appointments to Scrutiny and Regulatory and other Committees, and appointments to outside bodies for 2023-2024 was approved at the meeting of Annual Council on 17 May 2023.

2.1 Approving or amending appointments to the Cabinet, appointments to Scrutiny and Regulatory and other Committees, and appointments to outside bodies is a function reserved for Council.

4.0 Financial implications

4.0 A number of roles such as Cabinet Members and Scrutiny Panel chairs, attract the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances. These are funded from the budget set aside for Councillor allowances within Democratic Services. [AS/19092023/V].

5.0 Legal implications

5.0 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review periodically the political composition of the Authority, and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies.

5.1 The rules for securing political balance on Committee and Sub-Committees appointed by local authorities are contained in sections 1 and 16 of the Act and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990.

5.2 The Council is under a duty to:

- Ensure that the membership of those committees and sub-committees covered by the rules reflect the political composition of the Council, as far as practicable;
- Review the allocation of seats to political groups at or as soon as practical after the Annual Council meeting and at certain other specified times e.g. as a result of changes in political balance or an increase in the number of committees established;
 - Allocate seats on the committees to the political groups in proportion to their numerical strength on the Council, as far as practicable;
 - Accept nominations made by the groups for the fillings of seats allocated to them.

5.3 In determining the allocation of seats, the Council must also apply the following four principles, as far as reasonably practicable; A. Not all seats to be allocated to the same

political group; B. If a political group has a majority on the Council, it must have a majority of seats on committees; C. Subject to (a) – (b) above, the total of all seats on ordinary committees should be allocated to the groups in proportion to their respective strength on the Council; and D. Subject to (a) – (c) the number of seats on ordinary committees or sub-committees to be allocated to each political group in proportion to the number of all the seats on the committee or sub-committee in proportion to their respective strength on the Council.

6.0 Equalities implications

6.0 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

7.0 All other Implications

8.1 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

8.0 [Council – 17 May 2023, Political balance, appointment of the Cabinet, appointments to Scrutiny and Regulatory and other Committees, and appointments to outside bodies for 2023-2024](#)

9.0 Appendices

9.0 None

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-2024

APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND CABINET PANELS

CABINET (10)

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Leader of the Council)	Cllr Paula Brookfield (Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities)
Cllr Steve Evans (Deputy Leader City Housing)	Cllr Louise Miles (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Chris Burden (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)	Cllr Obaida Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion)
Cllr Craig Collingswood (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal (Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing)
Cllr Jacqui Coogan (Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills Education)	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal (Cabinet Member for Visitor City)

RESOURCES PANEL (10)

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Leader of the Council)	Cllr Paula Brookfield (Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities)
Cllr Steve Evans (Deputy Leader City Housing)	Cllr Louise Miles (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Chris Burden (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)	Cllr Obaida Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion)
Cllr Craig Collingswood (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal (Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing)
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Cabinet Portfolios

- 1.0 Leader of the Council
- 2.0 Deputy Leader: City Housing
- 3.0 Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities
- 4.0 Cabinet Member for Resources
- 5.0 Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
- 6.0 Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing
- 7.0 Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education
- 8.0 Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change
- 9.0 Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion
- 10.0 Cabinet Member for Visitor City

Cabinet Portfolio	Policy Area
The Leader of the Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan • City Partnerships • West Midlands Combined Authority • International, national, regional and sub-regional Leadership • External relations, Public Relations and Reputation Management • New Communities and migration • Our City: Our Plan – thriving economy in all parts of the city • Strategic Planning, incl. Local Plan policy, • Supporting City businesses • Stimulating Inward investment • Economic growth and inclusion partnerships
Deputy Leader: City Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan – good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods • City Housing Strategy and Housing Policies • City Prevention of Homelessness Strategy • City Housing Needs & Affordable Housing incl. Temporary Accommodation • City Private Housing Services Incl. Enforcement and Civil Penalties • Safer Homes incl. National Residential Building Safety Programme • City Residential Landlord Services – Wolverhampton Homes Arm’s Length Management Company • City Residential Landlord Services – Tenant Management Organisations Right to Manage Tenant Organisations and Cooperatives • City Housing Company – WV Living Ltd • City Housing Development Strategy
Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan - Fair and Inclusive priority including equalities • Legal • Democratic Services and School Appeals • Scrutiny • Electoral Registration and Elections • Information Governance • Civic Support (Mayoral and Councillor Support) and Councillor Enquiries • Corporate Complaints and Feedback • Our People Strategy Incl. HR and Organisation Development • Health and Safety

Cabinet Portfolio	Policy Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Planning, Resilience and business continuity • Our City Our Plan – Our Assets – ensuring the city has a fit for purpose asset portfolio to meet current and future needs • Delivery and implementation of the Strategic Asset Plan
Cabinet Member for Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Money including Medium term financial planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. capital strategy (incl. schools) b. budget development process c. treasury management strategy • Council tax and business rates • Housing benefits and council tax benefits • Procurement and Commercialisation • Audit and Corporate risk
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	<p>Proposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan – strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential • Our City: Our Plan – fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it Children’s safeguarding incl. prevention of exploitation • Children in need and in need of protection • Children and young people in care and care leavers • Corporate parenting • Early intervention, prevention and specialist services • Children’s Transformation work (incl. specific funded programmes and national reform) • Youth Offending • Children and young people partnership working • Children and young people’s health incl. disabilities and emotional health and wellbeing • Children’s Services commissioning • Children and Young People’s participation and engagement • Early Years

Cabinet Portfolio	Policy Area
<p>Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Proposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan – fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it • Health and Care integration through the integrated care system, place based partnership and integrated care partnership • Health and Care reform including the fair cost of care and social care cap government reforms. • Adult Services Transformation work • Operational Social care provision for adults, older people, learning and physical disabilities, complex needs and mental health including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – -Adult Safeguarding (MASH 24) – AMHP Hub – Carer support (paid and unpaid) – Welfare rights – Information, advice and guidance (including Wolverhampton Information Network) – Better Care Fund – Adult care commissioning and market sustainability – Quality assurance and monitoring – Adult user engagement – Financial Assessments – CQC inspection framework • Our City: Our Plan – healthy, inclusive communities Preventing Ill Health and reducing Health Inequalities • Starting and developing well • Healthy Life Expectancy • Healthy Ageing • Community safety & community cohesion • NHS Partnerships • Public Health Commissioning • WV Active
<p>Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan – more local people into good jobs and training • Post 16 School Education provision • Adult Education • Further and higher education (incl. Wolverhampton College, training providers and universities) • Skills and employability including Careers advice, Wolves@work, Impact and Workbox • School standards and attainment • Strategic School place planning

Cabinet Portfolio	Policy Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School admissions • 0-25 Special Educational Needs and Disability • Education inclusion incl. behaviour, attendance, and elected home education • School governance • Home to school transport • Commercial services to schools • Health and wellbeing for schools
<p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan – good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods • Our City: Our Plan – climate conscious • Strategic Transportation • Operational Transportation incl. highways management and maintenance • Waste and Recycling Services • Street cleansing • Grounds maintenance, parks operations, country parks operations • Markets • Public protection and consumer protection • Licensing • Parking Services • Bereavements • Coroner • Fleet management • Passenger Transport • Sustainability • Delivery of the 2028 climate commitment • Delivery of the 2041 climate commitment for the city
<p>Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our City: Our Plan - Driven by Digital • Our Digital including the council’s digital and IT service • Our Data including data and analytics • Digital infrastructure and connectivity • Digital Inclusion including digital skills • Digital innovation • Digital Projects • Customer Services • Registrars • Archives • Voluntary and Community Sector Partnerships • Community inclusion and engagement

Cabinet Portfolio	Policy Area
Cabinet Member for Visitor City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor Experience (Culture and Events)• City Marketing• Community Engagement• Libraries and Community Hubs