

PORTFOLIO REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS 2024/25**Report of the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance)****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The composition of the new Cabinet and the allocation of responsibilities was approved by the Leader of the Council and reported to the Annual Council Meeting on 21 May 2024.
- 1.2 This report sets out proposed revised reporting arrangements for the Portfolio Holders in terms of which Scrutiny Committee they report to in the light of the amendments made to the remit of cabinet portfolios.

2. NEW PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Below is a table which sets out the new portfolios and their main responsibilities.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Main Responsibilities</u>
Mark Hunter	Leader of the Council	AGMA and GMCA, Policy and Performance, Strategic Partnerships.
Mark Roberts	Deputy Cabinet Leader (Deputy Leader of the Council) Climate Change and Environment	Climate Change and Green Agenda including: Sustainability; Waste Collection and Recycling; Clean Air Lead; Local Plan Lead; Civil Resilience.
Wendy Meikle	Children, Families & Education	Children, Family and Education services, including: Fostering & Adoption; Children's Social Work Teams; Foster Care & Residential Placements; Services for Young People; Children with a Disability; Children's Centres; Early Intervention Services; Safeguarding; Youth Offending; School Improvement; School Organisation & Governance; Home to School Transport & Travel Passes; Early Years; 14-19 Services; SEN Support Services & Psychology; School Admissions.
Frankie Singleton	Communities, Culture and Sport	Inclusive Neighbourhoods; Equality and Diversity; Tackling Inequalities; Public Safety and Protection; Community Safety; Community Funds; Information, Advice and

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Main Responsibilities</u>
		Guidance; Libraries, Museums and Culture; Leisure.
Colin MacAlister	Economy, Regeneration & Housing	Economic Development and Regeneration, including: Planning; Housing Capital & Strategic Housing; Economic Growth; Employer Engagement; Inward Investment; Building Control; Markets; District Centres; Adult Education; Apprenticeships.
Jilly Julian	Finance and Resources	Estates and schools capital; Finance; Council Budget Transformation; IT and Digital Transformation; Contact Centre; Elections; STaR; Revenue and Benefits; HR and OD; Communications, Consultation and Engagement; Legal and Democratic Services; Business Support.
Keith Holloway	Health and Adult Social Care	Adult Care and Health services, including: Public Health; Health & Wellbeing; Learning Disability Services; Older People's Services; Young Adults Services; Supporting People.
Grace Baynham	Parks, Highways and Transport Services	Parks and Open Spaces; Cemeteries & Crematoria; Transport and Infrastructure; Sustainable Transport; Highways Maintenance; Parking; Street Lighting; Traffic Services; Street cleaning, fly tipping and gulley maintenance

2.2 The above table can also be found on the Council's website below, which is updated as and when the Leader makes any changes to the composition of the Cabinet and the remit of the portfolios:-

<https://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/documents/s232705/Cabinet%20portfolio%20responsibilities%20May%202024.pdf>

2.3 The new Cabinet portfolios and their remits include only minor changes from the arrangements that had been in place during 2023/24, and which are as follows:-

- (i) **Communications, Consultation and Engagement** has moved from Leader of the Council to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources.

- (ii) A new responsibility of **Local Plan Lead** has been added to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment.

2.4 As a consequence of the amendments to the remits of cabinet portfolios, it is appropriate for the Committee to give consideration to the reporting arrangements for those portfolios, with specific regard to the scrutiny committee to which each will be held constitutionally accountable.

2.5 The first cycle of scrutiny committees for the 2024/25 municipal year are due to take place during the week commencing 10 June 2024 with the agendas for those meetings being issued from 31 May 2024. Any amendments agreed by the Scrutiny Committee will be in place for this first cycle of committee meetings.

2.6 However, in the light of the minimal changes to the portfolios, it is not proposed to make any changes to the reporting arrangements for 2024/25. While a new responsibility of 'Local Plan Lead' has been allocated to the portfolio held by the Deputy Leader of the Council, it is noted that both the 'Climate Change and Environment' and 'Economy, Regeneration & Housing' portfolios already both report to the Economy, Regeneration and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee which means there should be no diminution in the robustness and oversight of the progression of the local plan through the continuation of the existing arrangements.

2.7 The proposed reporting arrangements are outlined below:-

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Scrutiny Committee</u>
Mark Hunter	Leader of the Council	Corporate Resource Management & Governance
Mark Roberts	Deputy Cabinet Leader (Deputy Leader of the Council) Climate Change and Environment	Economy, Regeneration and Climate Change
Wendy Meikle	Children, Families & Education	Children & Families
Frankie Singleton	Communities, Culture and Sport	Communities and Transport
Colin MacAlister	Economy, Regeneration & Housing	Economy, Regeneration and Climate Change
Jilly Julian	Finance and Resources	Corporate Resource Management & Governance
Keith Holloway	Health and Adult Social Care	Adult Social Care & Health

Grace Baynham	Parks, Highways and Transport Services	Communities and Transport
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3. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are none.

4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Any recommendations will be made with reference to the requirements of the Constitution.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

5.1 There are none.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

6.1 There are none.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1 There is none.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is asked to note the report and give approval to the distribution of portfolios to Scrutiny committees as detailed in the table at Section 2.7 of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Vicki Bates on 0161 474 3219 or by email on vicki.bates@stockport.gov.uk