

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 4 JUNE 2024

REVISION TO THE STAFFORDSHIRE LEADERS BOARD

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – COUNCILLOR ROGER LEES BEM – LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PART A – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 In January 2022 Cabinet agreed to the Council’s participation in the Staffordshire Leaders Board and appointed the Leader of the Council as the Council’s representative on the Board.

The current membership of the Board comprises Staffordshire County Council and all District and Borough Councils in Staffordshire. The Board is proposing to expand the membership to include Stoke-on-Trent City Council. This was envisaged when the Board was established in 2022 was included in the original report to Cabinet.

The revised Terms of Reference for the Board, to include Stoke on Trent City Council are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
		Overall delivery of Council Plan objectives
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
		No – change to membership of Joint Committee so no equality impacts.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	Yes	The Constitution and associated protocol provides that front line Councillors, the Monitoring Officer, and the Section 151 Officer will have five clear working days following dispatch of a notification of a proposed decision in which to call in for scrutiny, decisions proposed by the Cabinet or its members. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and associated protocol, any two or more members wishing to request that this proposed decision should be called in for scrutiny should do so by giving notice to the Corporate

		Director of Governance either by e-mail or in writing before the end of the fifth day specifying the reason or reasons therefore. The Corporate Director of Governance will then call in the proposed decision and arrange for it to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee/relevant Scrutiny Panel. A copy of such notice must also be sent to the Lead Cabinet Member either by email or in writing by the end of the fifth day. This proposed decision will be confirmed and implemented or, where appropriate, referred to the Council for consideration at its next meeting, on or after the date to be notified upon circulation of the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet, unless called in for scrutiny by that date.
KEY DECISION		No
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	11 July 2024	
FINANCIAL IMPACT		None
LEGAL ISSUES		The Joint Committee acts as a Joint Committee under Section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012. The establishment of joint arrangements in respect of executive functions rests with the Cabinet.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES		Stronger two tier working with other Council's across Staffordshire.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS		No

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

3. INFORMATION

- 3.1 In January 2022 Cabinet agreed to the establishment of a Joint Committee to be known as the Staffordshire Leaders Board.
- 3.2 The Leaders Board has been operating successfully in the intervening period and at a recent meeting, the Board agreed to admit Stoke on Trent City Council to the Board and to revise the Terms of Reference accordingly.

- 3.3 No other changes are proposed and full details of the original decision can be seen [here](#).
- 3.5 Should Cabinet agree this amendment, it will be formally considered for approval of the Leaders Board at the 11 July meeting.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 None

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 Cabinet 11 January 2022

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Revised Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire Leaders Board

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 To agree the revised of the Terms of Reference of the Staffordshire Leaders Board to allow the inclusion of Stoke on Trent City Council.

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