

## Urgent Decision Taken on Behalf of Cabinet

### Report to the Leader of the County Council

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Part I

Electoral Division affected:  
None

### Lead Member Appointment

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#### Executive Summary

This report relates to the replacement of County Councillor David Smith by County Councillor Aidy Riggott as Lead Member for Cultural Services, and to a revised role and title of the Lead Member for Cultural Services.

#### Reason for Urgency

This decision is urgent and cannot await the next meeting of Cabinet 8 March 2018. The reason for this is to enable the Lead Member changes including the adjustment to the Special Responsibility Allowance payments to be confirmed and implemented as soon possible. This decision is therefore being taken on behalf of Cabinet by the Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 34(1).

#### Recommendation

The Leader of the County Council is recommended to approve the replacement of County Councillor David Smith by County Councillor Aidy Riggott as Lead Member for Economic Development and Cultural Services with effect from 1 February 2018.

### Background and Advice

The role of a Lead Member is to support to the work of Cabinet Members.

The Council's Lead Members were appointed by the Leader of the Council on 26 May 2017. This included the appointment of County Councillor David Smith as Lead Member for Cultural Services.

On 1 February 2018 it was announced that County Councillor Smith was to be replaced by County Councillor Aidy Riggott as Lead Member with immediate effect.

A key priority for the Council's administration is to support economic growth and new jobs. With this in mind, it is now proposed to change the role and title of the Lead Member for Cultural Services to enable the Lead Member to provide support to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development. The Lead Member would continue to support the work of the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services.

This report is necessary to formally approve the above-mentioned changes and to the back dating of the Lead Member's Special Responsibility Allowance which Councillor Riggott is entitled to claim as from the date he took up his position as Lead Member i.e. 1 February 2018.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

No significant risks have been identified.

### **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A