

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report to Cabinet

4th October 2022

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| TITLE: | Staffordshire Leaders Board – Revised Constitution |
| PORTFOLIO HOLDER: | Cllr Paul Roberts – Leader |
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| WARDS INVOLVED: | Non-Specific |

Appendices Attached

Appendix A – Staffordshire Leaders Board- Revised Constitution for the Joint Committee

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is agree the revised constitution for the Staffordshire Leaders Board Joint Committee

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Agree to the revised constitution for the Staffordshire Leaders Board as set out in Appendix A to the report;

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 At its meeting on 8th February 2022, Cabinet agreed to the establishment of, and the Council's participation in, the Staffordshire Leaders Board. The Board is an Executive Joint Committee comprising all of the Leaders of the nine Staffordshire local authorities.

- 3.2 The purpose of the Board is to put the previous informal networking arrangements between Staffordshire Leaders on a more formal footing. It is considered that a Joint Committee will provide a vehicle that has the status and authority to speak to Government on behalf of the nine authorities, and that has the ability to make decisions itself to drive the existing joint working forward.

- 3.3 The draft terms of reference for the Board were agreed by Cabinet in the original report.
- 3.4 Following agreement by all of the nine local authorities the Staffordshire Leaders Board has now been established. The first meeting of the Board took place on 23rd June 2022.
- 3.5 At the first meeting, the Board approved final terms of reference which included a small number of changes from the original draft. The revised terms of reference are attached in the Constitution for the Joint Committee which is attached at Appendix A.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The enhanced two-tier working approach delivered by the Staffordshire Leaders Board will potentially have a significant impact on the achievement of a number of the Council's corporate priorities

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no options to consider at this stage

6. Implications

- 6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)
None

- 6.2 Workforce
None

- 6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment
None

- 6.4 Financial Considerations
There are no immediate and significant financial implications arising from the establishment of the Leaders Board in itself. It is intended that it will derive its support from its constituent members. As and when individual projects are commissioned the board will give consideration to the resource requirements necessary to deliver those projects and the implications of this will need to be considered by the Council at that time.

- 6.5 Legal
The Joint Committee will act 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.

- 6.6 Climate Change
Collaboration on climate change has been identified as one of the key areas for potential future focus for Staffordshire Leaders Board
- 6.7 Consultation
Not applicable
- 6.8 Risk Assessment
Not applicable at this stage

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Web Links and

Background Papers

Staffordshire Leaders Board / County Deals – Cabinet Report – 8th February 2022

<https://democracy.highpeak.gov.uk/documents/s27156/SMDC%20-%20Staffordshire%20Leaders%20Board%20-%20County%20Deal%2002-22.pdf>

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