

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report To: Executive – 2 June 2010
Subject: Appointment of Substitute Deputy Leader
Report of: The City Solicitor

Summary

To enable the Executive to consider appointing a substitute Deputy Leader to act in the place of the Leader if for any reason the Leader or Deputy Leader are unable to act.

Recommendations

That the Executive appoint Councillor Sue Murphy pursuant to Article 7.4 (e) of Part 2 of the Constitution as substitute Deputy Leader to act in the place of the Leader if for any reason the Leader or Deputy Leader are unable to act.

Wards Affected: All

Community Strategy Spine	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
Performance of the economy of the region and sub region	None
Reaching full potential in education and employment	None
Individual and collective self esteem – mutual respect	None
Neighbourhoods of Choice	None

Any details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

None

Financial Consequences – Capital
None

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Manchester City Council Constitution – May 2010
Report of the City Solicitor to City Council on 24 March 2010 on proposed changes to the Constitution.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 At its Annual Meeting on 19 May 2010 the City Council elected its first “new style” Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 (2A) of the Local Government Act 2000, (“LGA 2000”) as amended. The City Council elected Councillor Sir Richard Leese as Leader.
- 1.2 Under the new-style arrangements it is the responsibility of the Leader to appoint between two and nine other elected Councillors to the Executive and also appoint one of the members of the Executive to act as Deputy Leader.
- 1.3 On May 19th 2010 the Leader appointed the following Councillors to the Executive:

Councillor Jim Battle
Councillor Sue Murphy
Councillor Sheila Newman
Councillor Bernard Priest
Councillor Glynn Evans
Councillor Nigel Murphy
Councillor Mike Amesbury
Councillor Paul Andrews
Councillor Con Keegan

The Leader determined that the portfolios and remits of the members of the Executive should be as indicated in Appendix 1.

- 1.4 Pursuant to Article 7.4 (a) of Part 2 of the Constitution, the Leader appointed Councillor Jim Battle as Deputy Leader. By virtue of paragraph 1 A (7) of the LGA 2000, as amended, if for any reason the Leader is unable to act or the office of Leader is vacant, the Deputy Leader must act in the Leader’s place.

2. **Substitute Deputy Leader**

- 2.1 Paragraph 1 A (8) of the LGA 2000, as amended, and Article 7.4 (e) of the Constitution provides that if for any reason –
- (i) the Leader is unable to act, or the office of Leader is vacant, and
 - (ii) the Deputy Leader is unable to act, or the office of Deputy Leader is vacant,
- the Executive must act in the Leader’s place, or must arrange for a member of the Executive to act in his/her place.
- 2.2 As indicated in the City Solicitor’s report to Council on 24th March 2010, the Executive may wish to determine in advance which Executive Member would act in the Leader’s place in these circumstances and be in effect the

substitute Deputy Leader. If so, the Leader is recommending that the Executive appoints Councillor Sue Murphy to undertake this responsibility.

3. Recommendations

The recommendations appear at the front of the report.

Appendix 1

The Executive (including portfolios and remits of Executive Members)

<u>Leader</u>	Councillor Sir Richard Leese	Overall Policy Co-ordination LSP. Regeneration, Major economic developments. External Relationships, Communications.
<u>Deputy Leader</u> <i>Appointed under Article 7.4 (a) of the Constitution and Paragraph 1A (3) of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 to act as Deputy Executive Leader</i>	Councillor Jim Battle	Crime, Disorder and the Respect Agenda. Performance (LAA / LPSA / CPA / MIP etc.)
<u>Substitute Deputy Leader</u> <i>Recommended by the Leader for appointment by the Executive as Substitute Deputy Leader under Article 7.4 (e) and Paragraph 1A (8) of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 2000</i>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Community cohesion and social inclusion. Equal Opportunities. Ward co-ordination. Valuing Older People. Voluntary Sector.
<u>Children's Services</u>	Councillor Sheila Newman	Schools, Early Years, 14 – 19, Children & Families. Overall responsibility for all matters affecting Children and Young People (<i>Every Child Matters</i>). Lead member under Section 19 of the Children's Act 2004.
<u>Finance & Human Resources</u>	Councillor Bernard Priest	Budget, Council Tax & Benefits, Land & Property, Corporate Personnel. Resource procurement. HATS.
<u>Adult Services</u>	Councillor Glynn Evans	Adult Social Care, Health, Asylum Seekers, Supporting People.
<u>Environment</u>	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Transport policy including parking. Green issues including waste strategy and waste collection. Planning and Licensing policy.

<u>Arts & Leisure</u>	Councillor Mike Amesbury	Cultural Strategy, Galleries and Museums, Libraries, Sport & Sport Development, External Arts / Sports Bodies. Indoor / Outdoor Leisure. Open spaces and cemeteries.
<u>Neighbourhood Services</u>	Councillor Paul Andrews	Housing. Neighbourhood management including management of physical environment and Environmental Services. Markets and Highways.
<u>Employment & Skills</u>	Councillor Con Keegan	Employment and Skills. Lifelong learning and adult education. Local economic development and social enterprise and support to Children's Services on youth services / Connexions.