

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COUNCIL	27 MARCH 2023	11
<b>LEADERSHIP BOARD – CLOSURE REPORT</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY

The current term of office for the council will end in May 2023 with the Borough elections and the return of a new group of elected members. The Boundary Commission Review means that there will be a reduction in the number of elected members from 51 to 37 and the governance review undertaken in response to the reduced membership of the council will see the creation of an executive policy committee and scrutiny arrangements. The council from May 2023 will have new governance that will require different working arrangements. At the final meeting of each committee for the current term of office the working groups and boards that have been established and appointed by the committee will be formally closed and disbanded where appropriate to create the opportunity for the new council to review and determine the most appropriate arrangements under the new governance structure.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the council disband the Leadership Board and acknowledges that the members of the Board appointed by the committee have fulfilled the intended objectives and aims set by the committee.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Full Council established the Leadership Board at the meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

### REPORT

1. The Leadership Board was established at the Full Council meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Leadership Board is responsible for the strategic corporate direction of the authority, consisting elected members with special responsibility and senior managers of the council.
2. The elected members include the Leader and the Chairman of the programme committees to ensure a corporate cross-cutting approach to budget setting. The elected members provided the steer to officers on

all aspects of the Corporate Plan approved by Full Council as well as corporate strategic matters that would arise for example Combined Authority, Ukrainian Refugees etc.

3. The Leadership Board met monthly and has been integral in successfully monitoring the delivery of actions and outcomes in the Corporate Plan as well as ensuring that officers had a clear steer on the strategic issues facing the council.
4. The Leadership Board has fulfilled its remit and are thanked for their hard work, dedication, and contribution. Programme committees will not be part of the new committee governance arrangements from May 2023 and there will be inevitable elected member changes because of the boundary review. It is therefore recommended that the Leadership Board is disbanded and that arrangements for elected member engagement in strategic matters under the new governance arrangements are determined by the new council.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications
Community Safety	There are no community safety implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no human rights or equalities implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no sustainability or environmental implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no health & safety or risk management implications

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection