

Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee

24 August 2020

Report of the Director of Governance

Changes to Membership of Committees, Joint Committees administered by other Councils, Regional Local Authority Bodies and Other Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 22 May 2019, appointments were made to Committees, Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies for the 2019/20 municipal year. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Council meeting, those appointments were carried over to the 2020/21 municipal year, subject to a number of changes, as approved by the Staffing & Urgency Committee at their meeting on 15 June 2020. Further changes are now required to the membership, as set out below.
2. In the light of the recent suspension of Councillor Dave Taylor from the Green Party, details of any consequent changes to council committees will also be provided for consideration by the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee.

Background

3. Further to the appointments to Committees etc. made at the Annual Meeting, Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee has authority to deal any in-year changes or appointments to any Committees and Outside Bodies, and the following changes are put forward for consideration:

Economy and Place Policy & Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Kilbane to replace Cllr Barnes as Chair of the Committee
Cllr Melly to replace Cllr K Taylor

Health and Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

Cllr K Taylor to replace Cllr Melly

West Yorkshire Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Melly to replace Cllr Kilbane

Consultation

4. Normal processes to consult the relevant political Group have been applied to ensure the Group nominates the Members of their choice. No other consultation is specifically required in this instance.

Options

5. There are no alternative options available as this is simply for the Groups concerned to nominate appropriate candidates to either replace the Member concerned or to fill a position that has become available. This Committee will then consider and determine those nominations.

Council Plan

6. Maintaining an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure and appointees that contribute to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the current Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

7. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members:
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

8. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to Committees, Advisory Committees, Sub Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to:
- a) consider and approve the changes to committee and outside body appointments as set out in paragraph 3, and
 - b) consider any changes to appointments to committees which have occurred as a result of the suspension of Cllr D Taylor from the Green Party.

Reason: In order to make appropriate Council appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies for the remainder of the current municipal year.

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes: None