

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 20 May 2014, appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2014/15 municipal year, with the exception of appointments to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Appointments to this Committee were referred to Staffing & Urgency Committee to resolve. Since that time, some further changes have also come to light.

Background

2. At its Annual Meeting, the Council makes appointments to Committees for the coming year. Staffing & Urgency Committee has authority to deal with any changes or appointments to those Committees and bodies within year.
3. At this year's Annual Meeting on 20 May 2014, Council did not unanimously agree to the proposal to waive proportionality rules on Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Instead, it referred the appointments on Health Scrutiny Committee to Staffing & Urgency Committee to resolve. In addition, there are some minor changes to places to endorse.
4. **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

In order to comply with the rules for political balance on qualifying Committees and bodies, as laid down by the 1989 Local Government & Housing Act, and following the failure to unanimously agree any variation to proportionality at Council relating to this Committee, the following proportionate composition and membership is now suggested:

Party	Composition	Membership	Status
Labour	(4)	Funnell	Chair
		Burton	
		Douglas	
		Hodgson	
		Horton	Substitute
		Fitzpatrick	Substitute
Conservative	(1)	Doughty	Vice Chair
		Richardson	Substitute
Liberal Democrat	(1)	Jeffries	
		Cuthbertson	Substitute
Independent	(1)	Watson	

5. Joint Standards Committee

To avoid any confusion arising from the failure at the Annual Meeting to unanimously agree variation to proportionality rules in relation to the above, Members of this Committee are also asked to endorse the intention of the Annual Meeting to agree variation to strict proportionality in relation the Joint Standards Committee. Over a number of years on the Joint Standards Committee, the ruling Labour Group have not taken the majority of seats available in view of the very specific role of the Committee. Staffing & Urgency are therefore asked to confirm the following composition and membership put to the Annual Meeting on 20 May 2014:

Joint Standards Committee (4)			
Party	Composition	Membership	Status
Labour	(1)	Horton	
		Douglas	Substitute
		Williams	Substitute
Conservative	(1)	Barton	
		Brooks	Substitute
		Galvin	Substitute

		Healey	Substitute
Liberal Democrat	(1)	Runciman	Chair
		Reid	Substitute
Green	(1)	Taylor	
		D'Agorne	Substitute
Parish Council Member	1	Don Crawford	
Parish Council Member	1	Dennis Martin	
Parish Council Member	1	Glyn Simpson	
Independent Person	1	Nicholas Hall	
Independent Person	1	David Laverick	

6. **Corporate Parenting Board**

The Labour Group would propose to replace Councillor Scott with Councillor Fitzpatrick on the Board and this proposal fits with the requirements for membership set out in the Board's Terms of Reference.

7. **Education Appeals Panel**

The Labour Group would propose to replace Councillor Fitzpatrick with Councillor Scott on the Panel, in light of Councillor Scott no longer being able to attend the Corporate Parenting Board.

8. **Local Government Association General Assembly**

The papers for the Annual Meeting incorrectly indicated that the Conservative Group representative on the Assembly would be Councillor Gillies.

Clearly, Councillor Steward is now Conservative Group Leader on the Council and ought to have been appointed to this position by the Annual Meeting.

Staffing & Urgency Committee are asked to approve the Conservative Group representatives to the Assembly as follows:

Councillor Steward – main appointee

Councillor Galvin – substitute

Consultation

9. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places, the relevant Groups and individuals have been consulted, as appropriate, and provided with the necessary information.

Options

10. The Committee has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations proposed in this report. However, if alternative nominations are proposed in relation to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, then these would need to be proportionate unless otherwise agreed by Council with no one voting against.

Council Plan 2011-15

11. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure and appointees to that, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. 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. Members are reminded that these rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

15. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the appointments and nominations to Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, together with the other minor changes set out in paragraphs 4 to 8 above.

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

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None