

Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee

10 June 2013

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Changes to Appointments to Council Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2013 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made we have been advised that a couple of changes are required to the agreed list.

Background

2. The requested changes to the agreed appointments are:

Quasi-Judicial/Regulatory Function

 Audit and Governance Committee – to add Councillor Brooks as the Conservative member and Vice Chair of the Committee in place of Councillor Steward. Councillor Steward to be listed as the first Conservative substitute in place of Cllr Brooks.

Joint Working - Other

- Ofsted Sub-Group Replace Councillor Cunningham-Cross with Councillor Boyce as the third Labour member on this Group.
- 3. This matter has been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of the timing of forthcoming meetings of these bodies.

Consultation

4. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places at the Annual Council Meeting, the relevant Groups have been consulted and provided with the necessary information.

Options

5. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the changes to the Council appointments set out at paragraph 2 of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

6. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the 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, namely to consider nominations to places on Committees and outside bodies:
 - 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.

Recommendation

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the amended appointments to the Audit and Governance Committee and the Ofsted Sub-Group, for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

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

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