

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. Following the Council meeting on 11 December 2014 and the appointment of a new Leader of the Council and the subsequent reduction in Cabinet members, a number of changes are now required to the previously agreed list of appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies.

Background

2. At Council on 11 December 2014 Councillor Williams was appointed to replace Councillor Alexander as Leader of the Council. This was followed by Councillor Merrett stepping down from the Cabinet, changes in the Cabinet Members portfolios and Councillor Steward joining the Cabinet as a Cabinet Member without portfolio.
3. Although the Council makes appointments at its Annual Meeting, to Committees for the coming year and the Extraordinary Meeting, held on 23 October 2014, reviewed the allocation of seats, appointments to the Council structure and outside bodies for the remainder of the municipal year, further changes have been now requested, in light of the above changes in Cabinet membership.
4. Additional changes have also been requested to the Conservative Group's membership on and the Vice-Chair appointment to the Local Plan Working Group.
5. As the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee has authority to deal with any changes or appointments to those Committees and bodies within year, Annex A sets out the list of changes now put forward for consideration.

Consultation

6. 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

7. The Committee has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations proposed in this report.

Council Plan 2011-15

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

12. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the changes to Committees and Outside Bodies, set out at Annex A of the report, for the remainder of the 2014/15 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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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

Annex A – Schedule of requested changes to Committees and Outside Bodies