



Purpose: For Decision

# Full Council Report

Date **19 JULY 2023**

Title **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

**MONITORING OFFICER**

Report of

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to note that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) held its annual meeting on 29 June 2023 and to appoint the relevant IWALC representatives.
2. IWALC has duly put forward its representatives for formal appointment to the Planning Committee, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. That IWALC's representative Emma Cox be appointed to continue to serve on the Planning Committee as a non-voting member.</li><li>4. That IWALC's representative Simon Cooke be appointed to serve on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee as a voting member.</li><li>5. That IWALC's representative June Davison be appointed to serve on the Health and Wellbeing Board as a voting member.</li></ol> |
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## BACKGROUND

6. The Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) has notified the Council of its representatives for appointment to the Planning Committee, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### Planning Committee

7. On 21 July 2021 Full Council received a report from the Leader of the Council and amended the constitution to permit the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils to have one non-voting co-opted member on the Planning Committee.

8. Following its annual meeting held on 29 June 2023, IWALC has put forward Emma Cox to continue to serve as its representative on the Planning Committee.

#### Corporate Scrutiny Committee

9. At the same meeting on 21 July 2021 Full Council restored the voting rights to the IWALC representative serving on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
10. Following the resignation of the previous IWALC representative from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, there is currently a vacancy to be filled on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, and Simon Cooke has been put forward for appointment to serve as the co-opted member from IWALC.

#### Health and Wellbeing Board

11. Under the constitution, IWALC have a voting representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board and June Davison has been chosen as IWALC's representative.
12. Councillors are therefore requested to appoint these IWALC representatives to the fill these positions allocated to IWALC under the current constitution.

#### CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

13. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that supports this.
14. The appointment of members to such committees contributes to good governance and enables [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) delivery of the corporate priorities and vision contained within it.

#### CONSULTATION

15. None.

#### FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained in this report. The recommendations accord with the resources available within the overall budget agreed by the Full Council on 22 February 2023.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The power to appoint to committee seats is that of the local authority acting through the Full Council.
18. This power to appoint persons to committees (and indeed the power to remove persons from committees) cannot be delegated by the Full Council to a committee or to any officer of the council but must be exercised by the Full Council itself.

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

19. The Council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

## OPTIONS

20. The current constitution allocates certain seats for IWALC representatives, and the Full Council are requested to make such appointments in accordance with the present constitution.
21. There are no other options unless changes are made in the future to the constitution.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

22. The recommendations are to ensure that the council meets its corporate governance requirements and responds to changing requirements and demands. These should lessen the risks arising from any challenge to the decision-making process by way of judicial review or other legal action.

## EVALUATION

23. Council has no option and must respect the duly expressed wishes of IWALC and to appoint their representatives to their allocated seats on committees.
24. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted openly and in a timely manner.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

25. None.

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