



Purpose: For Decision

Full Council Report

Date **23 FEBRUARY 2022**

Title **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

Report of **MONITORING OFFICER**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To purpose of this report is to receive any nominations from any political group as to their respective wishes to implement changes to their allocated seats on council committees (including as regards substitutes, where permitted), and for such appointments to be formally made.
2. This report also gives the opportunity for change (if any) to existing membership of any other bodies.

RECOMMENDATION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. That nominations from any political group be invited to be received for appointment to council committees and other bodies. |
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BACKGROUND

4. Political groups may express their wishes as to which members of their respective political groups are to serve on seats allocated to their particular groups on council committees in accordance with the rules as to political proportionality under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
5. To give effect to any such wishes requires a formal decision of the Council. It cannot be done in-between council meetings by delegated authority.
6. By law the Council is required to make appointments in line with such duly expressed wishes.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

7. The [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) sets out the key areas of activity that will be the council's main areas of focus for the lifetime of this plan which will need to be central to everything the council does. Making changes (if any) in appointments facilitates the delivery of the corporate plan.

Corporate Aims

8. As above.

CONSULTATION

9. As it is for each political group to express their wishes, there is no requirement for consultation outside the relevant political group. It is for each political group to determine if any consultation is desirable or not.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

10. No new financial/budget impacts are anticipated as a result of changes in membership on particular committees or other bodies.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Appointments to committees and other bodies are a matter for the full council in the absence of any specific legislation permitting delegation of such authority.
12. The council is obliged to appoint to committee seats allocated to established political groups in accordance with the particular wishes of the respective political group.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

13. 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.
14. The recommendation in this report complies with these statutory obligations.

OPTIONS

15. Where nominations relate to seat allocation to political groups, the council has no option but to appoint the nominated councillor(s).

RISK MANAGEMENT

16. 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 such legal action.

EVALUATION

17. The Council has no option and must respect the duly expressed wishes of the respective political group and to appoint those nominated to their allocated seats.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

18. Appendix 1 shows the current appointments of councillors to council committees.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

19. None.

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