



Annual Meeting of the Council

17 May 2017

Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships

Wards Affected: All

Appointments to Council Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies; and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed appointment of members and co-opted members to allocated positions on the Council's Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies for the 2017-2018 municipal year. The positions are allocated according to the current political balance of the Council and in accordance with proportionality rules which is the subject of a separate report to Full Council under agenda item 7 of this meeting.
- 1.2 The recommendations below set out where, in line with the Council's Constitution, Full Council approval for an appointment is needed, and which appointments are just to be noted for information purposes.
- 1.3 It also sets out the proposed appointments of Chairs/Vice Chairs for these bodies for the 2017-2018 municipal year, including the appointment of independent chairs where necessary.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 For Full Council to agree, or confirm (as appropriate) the proposed appointments of Members, Co-Opted Members and substitutes to Council Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix A (which will be circulated prior to the meeting).
- 2.2 For Full Council to agree the proposed appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs for these Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies (where necessary) as set out in Appendix A (which will be circulated prior to the meeting) for the 2017/2018 municipal year.
- 2.3 For Full Council to note the appointments of the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees and their respective Chairs/Vice Chairs, as set out in Appendix A

(which will be circulated prior to the meeting) for the 2017/2018 municipal year).

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In accordance with Standing Order 32 (i) of the Council's Constitution, the membership of Council Committees, Joint Committees and other relevant bodies, forums and panels plus the appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs and substitute Members for these will be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council for the upcoming municipal year.
- 3.2 The appointments to Council Committees are to be made in line with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ('the Act') and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 ('the 1990 Regulations') which set out how Committees must be constituted when a Council is divided into one or more political groups. Further details on the political balance of the Council on Committees to meet these provisions are detailed in the report 'Representation of Political Groups on Committees' which constitutes item no.7 of this agenda.
- 3.3 The proposed appointments of Councillors to relevant Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies will be received from the Labour Group, Conservative Group and Brent Conservative Group respectively. Once nominations have been received from the political groups the proposed appointments will be set out in Appendix A and circulated prior to the meeting.
- 3.4 As per Standing Order 55 (a) the Council may also appoint a pool of substitute members from which a member may be selected to speak and vote in the absence of a member of the Committee provided that the substitute member is not already a member of the Committee. This standing order states that each pool shall number up to the number of members comprising membership of the Committee and be divided according to the political balance on the Committee, save that where a group has only one member on the Committee up to two members may be appointed to the pool.
- 3.5 For information purposes only, the appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees; are included as an additional appendix which will be circulated prior to the meeting.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of the creation of a new Scrutiny Committee are covered within the report for agenda item 6 'Changes to the Constitution'.
- 4.2 The financial implications of the creation of a new Audit Advisory Committee are covered within the report for agenda item 6 'Changes to the Constitution'.
- 4.3 All other financial implications associated with these appointments can be met within existing budgets.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 As aforementioned, the appointments are due to be made in line with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as detailed in the body of the report for item no.7 of this agenda ‘Representations of Political Groups on Committees’.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications to report.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

- 7.1 There are no staffing or accommodation implications to report.

Background Papers

None.

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