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|  Brent | Annual Meeting of the Council 14 May 2018 |
| | Report from the Chief Executive |
| Appointments to Council Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies; and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs | |

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| Wards Affected: | All |
| Key or Non-Key Decision: | N/A |
| Open or Part/Fully Exempt: | Open |
| No. of Appendices: | Four |
| Background Papers: | None |
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 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 2018-2019 municipal year. The positions are allocated according to the new political balance of the Council and in accordance with rules on proportionality, which are the subject of a separate report listed as Agenda Item 9 on the summons for 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 subject to confirmation by a separate body so are presented for information purposes.
- 1.3 It also sets out the proposed appointments of Chairs/Vice Chairs for these bodies for the 2018-2019 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.

2.2 For Full Council to agree the proposed appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs to Council Committees as set out in Appendix A for the 2018-2019 municipal year.

2.3 For Full Council to note the appointments:

- (a) notified by the Leader of the Council in relation to the new Cabinet and Cabinet Committees and their respective Chairs/Vice Chairs, as set out in Appendix B for the 2018-2019 municipal year.
- (b) To be confirmed by General Purposes Committee as set out in Appendix C for the 2018-2019 municipal year.
- (c) To be confirmed by Licensing Committee as set out in Appendix D for the 2018-2019 municipal year.

3.0 Detail

3.1 In accordance with Standing Order 27 (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 being made reflect the proposed changes in committee structure recommended within the report on Changes to the Constitution, circulated as Agenda Item 8 on the summons for this meeting.

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 has been listed as Agenda Item 9 on the summons for this meeting.

3.3 The proposed appointments of Councillors to relevant Committees, Joint Committees, Panels, Forums and Outside Bodies have been received from the Labour and Conservative Group respectively.

3.4 As per Standing Order 51 (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 made by the Leader to the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees have been set out in Appendix B.
- the appointments to be confirmed by General Purposes and Licensing Committee have been detailed in Appendices C & D respectively

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As already outlined within the report on Changes to the Constitution the proposals recommended to the committee and decision making structure are expected to result in the delivery of greater efficiencies.
- 4.2 Certain positions to which Members are appointed will attract a Special Responsibility Allowance, the costs of which are met from within the existing Members Allowance budget. Proposed changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme have been detailed within the report circulated as Agenda Item 12 on the summons for this meeting.
- 4.3 There are no other financial implications arising directly from this report.

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.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The public sector equality duty requires public bodies to pay due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.2 The Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty (outlined above) cover the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, marriage and civil partnership, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation.
- 6.3 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report at this stage. However, equalities implications from the individual recommendations will continue to be considered and assessed during the decision-making process.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 The nominations for appointments detailed within the appendices to the report have been submitted directly by each political group.

7.2 The proposed changes to the committee structure and Members Allowances Scheme referred to within this report have been subject to consideration by the Constitutional Working Group.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 There are no direct human resources or property implications which relate to this report.

Report sign off:

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