



Annual Meeting of the Council 1 May 2019

Report from the Chief Executive

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	<p>Four</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Appointments to Committees & Outside bodies</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Cabinet Appointments</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Appointments to be confirmed by General Purposes Committee</p> <p>Appendix 4 - Appointments to be confirmed by Licensing Committee</p>
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, and Outside Bodies for the 2019-2020 municipal year. The positions are allocated according to the 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, with these presented for information purposes.

- 1.3 It also sets out the proposed appointments of Chairs/Vice Chairs for these bodies for the 2019-2020 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 and Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 For Full Council to agree the proposed appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs to Council Committees as set out in Appendix 1 for the 2019-2020 municipal year.
- 2.3 For Full Council to agree:
- (a) the re-appointment of Mr David Ewart as independent chair of both the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Pension Board for a two-year term of office effective from 11 July 2019; and
 - (b) to Robert Wheeler replacing Euton Stewart (following his retirement) as the GMB Scheme Member representative on the Pension Board and to Chris Bala replacing Trevor Dawson (following his term of office having expired) as the Pension Scheme Member representative on the Pension Board.
 - (c) the appointment of Dinah Walker as a Parent Governor Co-opted (voting) Member on the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, for a three-year term of office effective from 1 May 2019.
- 2.4 For Full Council to note the appointments:
- (a) notified by the Leader of the Council in relation to Cabinet and Cabinet Committees and their respective Chairs/Vice Chairs, as set out in Appendix 2 for the 2019-2020 municipal year.
 - (b) to be confirmed by General Purposes Committee as set out in Appendix 3 for the 2019-2020 municipal year.
 - (c) to be confirmed by Licensing Committee as set out in Appendix 4 for the 2019-2020 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 changes in Scrutiny Committee structure agreed for implementation from the start of the 2019-20 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 has been listed as Agenda Item 9 on the summons for this meeting.
- 3.3 The proposed appointments of Councillors to relevant Committees and Outside Bodies have been received from the Labour and Conservative Group respectively. In addition, the Council has a long-standing arrangement for its Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Pensions Board to be chaired independently, in order to enhance its governance arrangements. These arrangements are considered to operate effectively, with the independent chair of both bodies currently Mr David Ewart. Members of both the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and of the Pensions Board are content that the current independent chair has fulfilled his respective roles effectively, as are relevant senior officers. As the term of office for the independent chair's current appointment on both bodies is due to expire in July 2019 it is recommended, given the views expressed by members, that Mr Ewart be re-appointed to both roles for a further two-year term of office, to commence on 11 July 2019. As these are not decision making meetings there are no significant conflicts in appointing the same person to chair each body. In terms of the Pension Board, approval is also being sought to Robert Wheeler replacing Euton Stewart (following his retirement) as the GMB Scheme Member representative and to Chris Bala replacing Trevor Dawson as the Pension Scheme Member representative following his term of office having expired.
- 3.4 In addition, following the expiry of the term of office for one of the Parent Governor co-opted members on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee a recruitment process has been undertaken to fill the position. Nominations were sought as a result of the previous co-opted member no longer being eligible to stand as a parent governor representative. As a result of that process Dinah Walker has been selected for appointment, which will be for a three-year term of office.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 For information purposes only:
- the appointments made by the Leader to the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees have been set out in Appendix 2.
 - the appointments to be confirmed by General Purposes and Licensing Committee have been detailed in Appendices 3 & 4 respectively.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 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.
- 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.

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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