

Committee: Council

Date: 12 July 2017

Subject: Changes to Membership of Committees

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Recommendations:

1. That the Council notes the changes to the membership of Committees that were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Council.
 2. That the Council appoints Councillor Philip Jones as Chair of the Pensions Fund Advisory Committee.
 3. That the Council notes that no changes are proposed to the allocation of seats to political groups at this time.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report asks Council to note the changes made to committee membership under delegated authority since the publication of the agenda for the Annual Council.
- 1.2. The Council must approve the appointment of the Chair of the Pensions Fund Advisory Committee.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The following membership changes have been made by the Chief Executive under his delegated authority in accordance with section 1.4 of part 3F of the Constitution:

Committee	Member resigning	Replaced by	Date
Planning Applications Committee	Imran Uddin	Jerome Neil	14 June 2017
Pensions Fund Advisory Committee	Imran Uddin	Philip Jones	14 June 2017
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel	Jill West	Michael Bull	20 June 2017
Overview and Scrutiny Commission	Imran Uddin	Brenda Fraser	26 June 2017

- 3.2 The appointments to Committees and other bodies were agreed at Council on 17 May 2017. On 13 June former Councillor Imran Uddin resigned from the Council and therefore a vacancy was created on the Overview and Scrutiny Commission; Planning Applications Committee; and the Pensions Fund Advisory Committee. As he was the Chair of the latter, Council is asked to agree the appointment of Councillor Philip Jones as Chair of the Pensions Fund

Advisory Committee. On 20 June Councillor Jill West resigned from her position as a substitute member on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

- 3.3 Following the resignation of former Councillor Uddin, the Council has a statutory duty to review the representation of different groups on the Council in order to ensure that a political balance is secured on council committees, sub-committees, etc. to reflect the political composition of the Council. This review was carried out and has resulted in no change to the proportionality of the Council's committees and panels. This will be reviewed again following the by-election on 20 July 2017.

3 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 3.1 None for the purposes of this report.

4 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None for the purposes of this report.

5 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The information regarding membership changes in this report complies with legal and statutory requirements. Council is required to accept nominations made by political groups.
- 5.2. The Housing and Local Government Act 1989 contains provisions relating to the political balance on committees, the duty to allocate seats to political groups and the duty to give effect to allocations.
- 5.3. The Council has a statutory duty to review the representations of different political groups on the Council in order to ensure that a political balance is secured on council committees so as to reflect the overall political composition of the council.
- 5.4. The requirement to allocate seats must be made in accordance with the following statutory principles:
 - a) All of the seats are not to be allocated to the same political group.
 - b) The majority of the seats must be allocated to the political group with a majority on the Council.
 - c) Subject to the two principles listed above, the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary committees of the Council allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to that on full Council.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. N/A

9 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

9.1 None.

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Documents from the authorised officer confirming approval of the membership changes agreed under delegated authority.

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