

Committee: Council

Date: 13 September 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 notes that there are no changes to the political composition of the Council's committees.

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.

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	Substitute vacancy	Judy Saunders (substitute)	10 July 2017
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel	Mike Brunt	John Dehaney	14 July 2017
Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel	Imran Uddin	Kelly Braund	27 July 2017
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	Imran Uddin	Mike Brunt	2 August 2017
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel	Michael Bull (substitute)	Jill West (substitute)	2 August 2017
Planning Applications Committee	Judy Saunders (substitute)	John Dehaney (substitute)	2 August 2017
Planning Applications Committee	Andrew Judge	Brenda Fraser	2 August 2017
Standards and General Purposes Committee	Martin Whelton	Nick Draper	1 September 2017

- 2.2 The appointments to Committees and other bodies were agreed at Council on 17 May 2017. A substitute vacancy had existed on the Planning Applications Committee and a member vacancy had existed on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel and the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) following the resignation of former Councillor Imran Uddin from the Council on 13 June. On 14 July Councillor Mike Brunt resigned from his position as a member on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel. On 2 August Councillor Michael Bull resigned his position as a substitute on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel; and Councillors Andrew Judge and Judy Saunders resigned their positions on the Planning Applications Committee. On 1 September, Councillor Martin Whelton resigned his position on the Standards and General Purposes Committee.
- 2.3 Following the St Helier by-election which took place on Thursday 20 July 2017, 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.

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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