

## Committee: Council

**Date: 22 November 2017**

Wards: All

## Subject: Changes to Membership of Committees

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### Recommendations:

1. That the Council note the changes to the memberships of committees approved under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Council.

## 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 last meeting of the 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	Brenda Fraser	Andrew Judge	13 September 2017
Planning Applications Committee	John Dehaney (substitute)	Brenda Fraser (substitute)	13 September 2017
Merton Community Panel (Clarion Housing)	Mr Richard Williams	Kelly Braund	15 September 2017
Overview and Scrutiny Commission	Vacancy (substitute)	John Dehaney (substitute)	18 September 2017
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	John Dehaney	Mike Brunt	2 October 2017
Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Russell Makin	Dennis Pearce	10 October 2017
Planning Applications Committee	Geraldine Stanford	Judy Saunders	19 October 2017
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Joan Henry	John Dehaney	24 October 2017

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Dennis Pearce	Russell Makin	26 October 2017
Planning Applications Committee	Judy Saunders	Geraldine Stanford	8 November 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 Overview and Scrutiny Commission following the appointment of Brenda Fraser to a full member to replace former Councillor Imran Uddin when he resigned from the Council on 13 June. A vacancy had existed on the Merton Community Panel (Clarion Housing) since the resignation of Mr Richard Williams in July. On 13 September Councillor Brenda Fraser resigned from her position as a member on the Planning Applications Committee; and Councillor John Dehaney resigned his position as a substitute on Planning Applications Committee. On 2 October Councillor John Dehaney resigned his position on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel; on 10 October Councillor Russell Making resigned his position on the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel; and on 19 October Councillor Geraldine Stanford resigned her position on the Planning Applications Committee. On 24 October 2017, Joan Henry resigned her position on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel. On 26 October, Councillor Dennis Pearce resigned his position on the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel. On 8 November, Councillor Judy Saunders resigned her position on the Planning Applications Committee.

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.1. As this is a noting report for information purposes, there are no alternative options proposed.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

4.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. The information regarding membership changes in this report complies with legal and statutory requirements. Council is required to accept nominations made by political groups.

7.2. 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.

- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.

## **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

## **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

## **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

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

- None

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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