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## **APPOINTING SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

To: **Council – 27 February 2014**

By: **Democratic Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards: **All Wards**

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**Summary: To appoint named substitutes for the Governance and Audit Committee.**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 At the Meeting of Council on 3 October 2013 the following motion was agreed:

“THAT the recommendations as set out at paragraph 8.0 of the report be adopted, namely:

1. That there be named substitutes for the Governance and Audit Committee;
2. That the substitutes be appointed in accordance with the principles of political proportionality; and
3. That the following table be included within the terms of reference for Governance and Audit Committee within the Council’s Constitution.”

Number of Members	Nine Members
Substitute Members permitted	Yes – only from the list approved by Council, which matches the proportionality of the Committee itself
Political Balance Rules Apply	Yes
Appointments / removal from Office	By resolution of Full Council
Restriction on membership	None – Membership decided upon by Full Council
Restrictions on Chairmanship/Vice-Chairmanship	None – Membership decided upon by Full Council
Number of ordinary meetings per year	4

1.2 No Substitute Members were appointed at the meeting of 3 October and so this report allows for Full Council to appoint substitute members for the Governance and Audit Committee.

## 2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 As shown in the table above in paragraph 1.1 the substitutes for the Governance and Audit Committee should match the number of members on the actual Committee and they should be subject to political proportionality. This means that the table below cannot be changed without amending the Council's constitution.

2.2 This would mean the following number of substitute members for Governance and Audit as follows:

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		Independent Group		UKIP	
1	Vacant	1	Vacant	1	Vacant				
2	Vacant	2	Vacant						
3	Vacant	3	Vacant						
4	Vacant	4	Vacant						

2.3 Democratic Services have spoken to group leaders and they have advised that they will inform Council of their nominations at the meeting of Full Council.

## 3.0 Corporate Implications

### 3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the report.

### 3.2 Legal

3.2.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the report.

### 3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Having named substitutes and ensuring that they are trained will help to increase the robustness and resilience of the decisions made by the Governance and Audit Committee.

### 3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 There are no equity or equalities issues as a result of this report.

## 4.0 Recommendation(s)

8.1 That Council agree nominations to the list of Governance and Audit substitutes.

## 9.0 Decision Making Process

9.1 This is a decision for Council.

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## Annex List

None	
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**Background Papers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>

**Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

Finance	Sarah Martin, Financial Services Manager and Deputy S.151 Officer
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate and Regulatory Services Manager