

## **CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

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| <b>Council</b>         | 12 October 2022                         |
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| <b>Status</b>          | For Information                         |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Unrestricted                            |
| <b>Ward:</b>           | All Wards                               |

### **Executive Summary:**

Democratic Services have been informed of a number of changes that political groups wish to make to their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. The report also allows other political groups an opportunity to amend their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

### **Recommendation(s):**

To note the nominations to Committees for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

### **Corporate Implications**

#### **Financial and Value for Money**

There are no direct financial implications from this report. However members allowances included in the annual budget are based on the existing structure and any increase in size or number of committees would require approval of the resulting increase in the budget.

#### **Legal**

The composition and allocation of membership of committees has been based on the relevant legislative requirements.

#### **Risk Management**

There are no risks associated with this report.

#### **Corporate**

There are no direct Corporate Implications

#### **Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty**

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity

between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

- To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

## **Corporate Priorities**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Communities*

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The Conservative group wishes to make a change to their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

### **2.0 Nominations to serve on Committees**

2.1 The Leader of the Council has informed Democratic Services that he wishes to replace Cllr Will Scobie with himself Cllr Rick Everitt on the Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party.

2.2 The Leader also wishes to replace Cllr Ruth Duckworth from the Governance and Audit Committee and himself, Cllr Rick Everitt, from the list of substitutes for this Committee to be replaced with Cllr Britcher and Cllr Joanne Bright respectively. This is to ensure that CIPFA best practices are followed by ensuring that Cabinet Members are not members of the Council's audit committee.

2.3 The Shadow Leader of the Council has informed Democratic Services that he wished to replace Cllr Towing with Cllr Rusiecki on the Licensing Board.

2.2 This report also allows other political groups an opportunity to amend their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year as well if they choose to do so.

2.3 Members are reminded that Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.

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**Annex List**

None

**Background Papers**

None

**Corporate Consultation**

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