



**Annual Council**

**11 May 2026**

**Subject: Appointment of Members to the Committees for the 2026/2027 Civic Year**

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**Executive Summary:**

This report sets out the wishes expressed by political groups in respect of the appointment of Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the civic year 2026/2027 as result of the allocations having been amended under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

**Appendices to Report**

- None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- (a) That in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, Members be appointed to serve on the Council's Committees for the 2026/2027 civic year as set out within this report or provided verbally at the meeting;
- (b) that the Chief Executive give effect to the wishes expressed by political groups as to the members of the group that shall fill the seats allocated to them where these are not provided at the meeting (subject to legal deadline).

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In accordance with the provision of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups- covered by an earlier report at the same meeting).
- 1.2 Section 2 details the wishes expressed by the political groups to-date.

## **2 Appointment of Committees**

### **2.1 Chief Officer Employment Committee (9 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett  
Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Jackie Brockway  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Baptiste Velan  
Councillor Moira Westley

### **2.2 Thriving Council Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Matthew Boles  
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Ian Fleetwood  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor Paul Swift

### **2.3 Thriving Places Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Jacob Flear  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Peter Morris  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Moira Westley

### **2.4 Thriving People Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Emma Bailey  
Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Frazer Brown  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Jeanette McGhee  
Councillor Tom Smith  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.5 Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Chris Darcel  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Paul Swift

**2.6 Licensing Committee (10 Members)**

Councillor Eve Bennett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Karen Carless  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Paul Lee  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Jim Snee  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.7 Regulatory Committee (10 Members)**

Councillor Eve Bennett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Karen Carless  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Paul Lee  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Jim Snee  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.8 Planning Committee (9 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett

Councillor Matthew Boles  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Adam Duguid  
Councillor Jacob Flear  
Councillor Ian Fleetwood  
Councillor Sebastian Hague  
Councillor Tom Smith  
Councillor Jim Snee

## 2.9 Overview and Scrutiny Committee (9 members)

Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Jacob Flear  
Councillor Jeanette McGhee  
Councillor Lynda Mullally  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor Roger Pilgrim  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Mandy Snee

## 2.10 Standards Committee (6 Members)

Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Karen Carless  
Councillor Adam Duguid  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Paul Lee  
Councillor Moira Westley

### (No.) Alternative Options

	<b>Option</b>	<b>Rational for not recommending</b>
1	To not appoint Members to Committees	This would not address legal requirements, and the Council would be unable to operate

## **ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal:**

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups-covered by an earlier report at the same meeting).

Groups must express their wishes within a 3-week period or the matter returns to Full Council , who may appoint the seats as they choose.

### **Financial: FIN/24/27/SSC**

No financial implications arising from this report

### **Staffing:**

None directly arising from this report

### **LGR implications:**

None

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Data Protection Implications:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Health Implications:**

None directly arising from this report

**Risk Assessment:**

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**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

These are not appendices – you should list here any supporting information used to inform your report – eg government guidance –

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

**Yes**

**No**

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

**Yes**

**No**