



Council

22 January 2024

Subject: Amendments requested to Committee Memberships

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To make amendments to Committee Memberships following requests from both the Administration and Opposition Group.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That:

- (a) Councillor Karen Carless be appointed to the Planning Committee, for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Baptiste Velan and
- (b) Councillor Baptiste Velan be appointed to Licensing and Regulatory, for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Karen Carless; and
- (c) a Member from the Opposition Group be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers (nomination to be sought).

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups.

Financial : FIN/134/24/SL

None directly arising from this report

Staffing :

None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising from this report

Data Protection Implications :

None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

There are no climate related risks from this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None arising from this report.

Health Implications:

None arising from this report.

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

Notification received from Group Whip

Risk Assessment : N/A

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

1 Background

- 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).
- 1.2 The allocation of seats was last determined by Council at its Annual Meeting in May 2023.
- 1.3 There have been no changes to the political balance requiring group allocations to be revisited, however both the Administration Group and Opposition Group have advised of changes they wish to make to persons appointed to those Committee seats, allocated to each respective Group.
- 1.4 Such changes can be dealt with by substitutions rules, however both Groups have indicated, given they would like the amendments to be on a permanent basis, a report has been prepared for Council, to formalise those amendments.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 In accordance with the wishes expressed by the Administration and Opposition Groups, Council are asked to approve the following changes to Committee Memberships

That:

- (a) Councillor Karen Carless be appointed to the Planning Committee, for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Baptiste Velan and
- (b) Councillor Baptiste Velan be appointed to Licensing and Regulatory, for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Karen Carless.
- (c) a Member (nomination to be sought) from the Opposition Group be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the current civic year, replacing Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers.