

Agenda Item No:

Report No:

Report Title: Changes to Committee Memberships and Outside Body & Joint Representatives

Report To: Council

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Ward(s) Affected: All

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Purpose of Report:

To confirm the changes and appointments to Committee memberships.

To note the changes and appointments to Outside and Joint Body representatives.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 That the changes to the Committee memberships, as set out in paragraph 4 of the Report, be confirmed and noted.
 - 2 That the changes to the Outside and Joint Body representatives, as set out in paragraph 6 of the Report, be noted.
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Reasons for Recommendations

- 1 To comply with the Council's legal duties and to implement changes in accordance with the Constitution.

Information

- 2 The Appointments 2014/15 report that was agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 7 May 2014 showed some vacant seats on Committees that remained to be filled by the relevant Political Groups.
- 3 Following the recent changes to the membership of Cabinet and Councillor Tony Nicholson becoming Chair of the Council, some changes are required to the appointments on particular Committees, Outside and Joint Bodies which require the representatives to be Cabinet Members, or where the representatives cannot be Cabinet Members.

Committee memberships

- 4 The Leaders of the Political Groups informed me of the appointments that their Groups wished to make to those Committee memberships as follows:
 - 4.1 **Audit and Standards Committee** – Councillor I A Nicholson replaces Councillor E C Merry.
 - 4.2 **Devolution Committee** – Councillor A Dean fills the vacant Liberal Democrat Group seat.
 - 4.3 **Employment Committee** – Councillor E C Merry (Chair) fills the vacant Conservative Group seat. Councillor M P Chartier fills the vacant Liberal Democrat Group seat.
 - 4.4 **Licensing Committee** - Councillor S Adeniji fills the vacant Independent Group seat.
 - 4.5 **Planning Applications Committee** - Councillor E E J Russell fills the vacant Conservative Group seat. Councillor S Adeniji fills the vacant Independent Group seat.
 - 4.6 **Scrutiny Committee** – Conservative Group seat currently vacant (to replace Councillor E C Merry).
 - 4.7 **Housing Working Party** – Councillor P A Howson (Chair) to replace Councillor I A Nicholson.
- 5 In accordance with Council Procedure Rules (Procedures for Appointments, page D23, paragraph 3.4), the Assistant Director of Corporate Services has made these appointments which now need to be confirmed formally by Council.

Outside and Joint Body representatives

- 6 The Leader of the Council, following consultation with the Leaders of the Minority Groups, informed me of the changes to representatives on the affected Outside and Joint Bodies as follows:
 - 6.1 **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – Councillor J M Harrison-Hicks replaced Councillor E C Merry.
 - 6.2 **Lewes Joint Parking Board** – Councillor P A Howson replaced Councillor R Blackman.
 - 6.3 **South East England Councils** – Councillor R Maskell replaced Councillor I A Nicholson.
 - 6.4 **Housing Consultative Panel** - Councillor P A Howson replaced Councillor I A Nicholson.
- 7 In accordance with Council Procedure Rules (Procedures for Appointments, page D23, paragraph 4.3), the Assistant Director of Corporate Services has

made these appointments which were confirmed by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 July 2014.

Financial Appraisal

8 There are no financial implications arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

9 None over and above those set out in the body of this Report.

Sustainability Implications

10 I have completed the Sustainability Implications Statement questionnaire and there are no significant effects as a result of this Report.

Risk Management Implications

11 There are no risk management implications arising as a result of this Report. If the recommendations are not implemented, the main risk will be that the Council fails to meet its legal duties and the requirements of the Constitution are not met.

Equality Screening

12 I have completed the initial Equality Analysis Screening exercise and no potential negative impacts were identified as a result of this Report. Therefore, a full Equality Analysis is not required.

Background Papers

13 None

Appendices

14 Appendix A - Cabinet and Committee Memberships
Appendix B – Outside and Joint Body Representatives