

Agenda Item No:

Report No:

Report Title: **Change to Membership of Planning Applications Committee and Scrutiny Committee**

Report To: **Council**

Date: **3 December 2014**

Ward(s) Affected: **All**

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Purpose of Report:

To confirm the changes of membership to the Planning Applications Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 That the changes to the Planning Applications Committee and Scrutiny Committee membership, as set out in paragraph 8 of the Report, be confirmed and 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 At its meeting on 15 October 2014, Council confirmed a change of membership to the Planning Applications Committee which had occurred as a result of Councillor Sam Adeniji resigning from the Committee.
- 3 The resignation had created a casual vacant seat on the Planning Applications Committee which was subsequently allocated to the UKIP Group in order to comply with the statutory requirement that appointments to seats on committees are allocated in the same political proportion as that in which the council as a whole is divided (Local Government and Housing Act 1989, section 15).
- 4 The Leader of the UKIP Group, Councillor Donna Edmunds, has since offered the vacant UKIP seat on the Planning Applications Committee to Councillor Ruth O'Keeffe (Independent member) and she has accepted.

- 5 Councillor Donna Edmunds has given written notice that she is no longer able to sit on the Scrutiny Committee. This creates a casual vacancy on the Committee which must now be appointed to.
- 6 The Leader of the UKIP Group, Councillor Donna Edmunds, has offered the vacant UKIP seat on the Scrutiny Committee to the Conservative Group. The Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Rob Blackman, has confirmed that Councillor Cyril Sugarman has accepted the seat.
- 7 The seats occupied by Councillor O’Keeffe on the Planning Applications Committee, and by Councillor Sugarman on the Scrutiny Committee, continue to be seats which are allocated to the UKIP Group.
- 8 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 as follows:
- 8.1 **Planning Applications Committee** – Councillor Ruth O’Keeffe to replace Councillor Sam Adeniji.
- 8.2 **Scrutiny Committee** – Councillor Cyril Sugarman to replace Councillor Donna Edmunds.

Financial Appraisal

- 9 There are no financial implications arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

- 11 There are no sustainability effects as a result of this Report.

Risk Management Implications

- 12 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

- 13 No potential negative impacts were identified as a result of this Report. Therefore, a full Equality Analysis is not required.

Background Papers

- 14 None

Appendix

- 15 None