

Agenda Item No: 12 **Report No:** 58/15
Report Title: Changes to Memberships
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Ward(s) Affected: All
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Purpose of Report:

To confirm the appointment to Committee memberships.

To confirm the appointments to Outside Body memberships.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 That the appointment to the Committee membership, as set out in paragraph 4 of the Report, be confirmed; and
 - 3 That the appointments to the Outside Bodies memberships, as set out in paragraphs 7 and 12 of the Report, be noted and confirmed.
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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.

Committee membership

- 2 At the full Council meeting on 25 February 2015, it was reported that following the receipt of a written notice from Councillors Ruth O'Keeffe and Amanda Dean stating that they wished to form an Independent Group (subsequently disbanded), a review of political balance on committees was triggered as a new political group had been constituted.
- 3 Following the review of political balance on committees, the only reallocation of seats required was the gain of one seat by the Conservative Group on Landport Bottom Management Committee, which was previously allocated to Councillor Ruth O'Keeffe when she had formed an Independent Group with Councillor Sam Adeniji.

- 4 The Leader of the Conservative Group has since informed me that their Group wish to appoint Councillor Ruth O’Keeffe to remain on the Landport Bottom Management Committee to fill this seat, until the next review of proportionality in May 2015.
- 5 In accordance with Council Procedure Rules (Procedures for Appointments, page D23, paragraph 3.4), the Assistant Director of Corporate Services has made this appointment which now needs to be confirmed formally by Council.

Outside Bodies memberships

- 6 At the full Council meeting on 25 February 2015, it was reported that following Councillor Page’s resignation, a casual vacancy was created for an Outside Body representative on the Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB), Lewes & Seaford. Councillor Page had been the representative since May 2011 so was a Conservative councillor when first appointed to this Outside Body.
- 7 The Leader of the Conservative Group has since informed me that their Group wished to appoint Councillor Paul Gander as representative on the Citizens Advice Bureaux, Lewes & Seaford.
- 8 In accordance with Council Procedure Rules for filling a vacancy on an Outside Body (Procedures for Appointments, page D24, paragraph 4.3), the agreement of the other Group Leaders was obtained to the proposed appointment of Councillor Gander and confirmed at the next available Cabinet meeting on 19 March 2015.
- 9 The Council has been asked to appoint a representative to a new Outside Body, iESE Transformation Ltd which provides specialist procurement services to the public sector.
- 10 Following Cabinet’s approval, the Council formally became a member of iESE Transformation Ltd in May 2014. The purpose was to utilise the managed procurement service for high value and strategic procurements and, alongside the public body members, to retain control over the strategic direction and key decisions of the company.
- 11 iESE Transformation Ltd have asked the Council to appoint a representative to attend and vote at general meetings of the company. Under the Companies Act 2006, if the Council is to make such an appointment, it must do so by resolution of its governing body. The Council’s Constitution requires an appointment of this nature to be made by full Council.
- 12 Councillor Rob Blackman has been involved as the Council’s point of contact on strategic issues with the company up until now and so is the proposed representative in his capacity as Leader of the Council. The agreement of the other Group Leaders was obtained to the proposed appointment of Councillor Blackman.

Financial Appraisal

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

Legal Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

15 There are no significant effects as a result of this Report.

Risk Management Implications

16 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

17 This is a routine, procedural Report with no potential for negative impacts. Therefore, an Equality Analysis is not required.

Background Papers

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Appendix

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