

Agenda Item No: 16 **Report No:** 180/15
Report Title: Changes to Memberships
Report To: Council **Date:** 9 December 2015
Ward(s) Affected: All
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Purpose of Report:

To confirm the changes and appointments to Committee memberships.

To note the membership of Cabinet.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 That the changes to the Committee memberships, as set out in paragraph 3 of the Report, be confirmed and noted; and
- 2 That the appointments to Cabinet, as set out in paragraphs 5 & 6 of the Report, be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

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

Information

- 2 Following the appointment of Councillor Andy Smith as Leader of the Council at the full Council meeting on 14 October 2015, and the subsequent changes made to the Cabinet membership and portfolios, Councillor Smith (as Leader of the Conservative Group) has informed me that his Group wishes to make some changes to Committee memberships.

Committee memberships

- 3 The Leaders of the affected Political Groups have informed me of the appointments that their Groups wish to make to those Committee memberships as follows:

- 3.1 Audit and Standards Committee** – Councillor S Gauntlett to replace Councillor B Giles (this seat has been gifted to the Liberal Democrat Group by the Conservative Group until the next review of memberships in May 2016).
 - 3.2 Devolution Committee** – Councillors T Nicholson and B Giles to replace Councillors A Smith and P Franklin.
 - 3.3 Employment Committee** – Councillor J Peterson to replace Councillor T Nicholson.
 - 3.4 Licensing Committee** – Councillor A Loraine to replace Councillor D Neave.
 - 3.5 Planning Applications Committee** – Councillor D Neave to replace Councillor T Nicholson.
- 4** In accordance with Council Procedure Rules (Procedures for Appointments, page D22, paragraph 3.4), the Assistant Director of Corporate Services has made these appointments which now need to be confirmed formally by Council.

Cabinet membership

- 5** As a matter of law, the power to appoint the membership of Cabinet rests with the Leader of the Council. In light of this, the Leader of the Council has appointed the membership of the Cabinet, the individual areas of responsibility to be allocated to the Cabinet and the allocation of those areas of responsibility to the members of the Cabinet as follows:

Cabinet Membership up to 10

Individual Areas of Responsibility	Councillors
Regeneration and Business	A Smith (Leader of the Council)
People and Performance	E Merry (Deputy Leader)
Customers and Partnerships	T Nicholson
Finance	B Giles
Housing	R Maskell
Planning	T Jones
Waste and Recycling	P Franklin

- 6** As a matter of law, the power to appoint the Deputy Leader rests with the Leader of the Council. In light of this, the Leader of the Council has appointed Councillor E Merry to be his Deputy Leader.

Financial Appraisal

- 7** There are no financial implications arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

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

Risk Management Implications

- 9** 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

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

Background Papers

- 11** None

Appendices

- 12** None