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Key Decision:	No
Report Track:	Council: 24/08/16

COUNCIL
24 AUGUST, 2016
AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERSHIPS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Council is requested to confirm retrospectively approval of changes to the membership of the Council's Better Jobs and Skills and Environment Scrutiny Committees, as previously agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 25 May, 2016.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the membership of the Council's Better Jobs and Skills and Environment Scrutiny Committees, as previously agreed, be amended as detailed in paragraph 5.3 below.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Appointments and amendments to the named memberships of Committees and Other Bodies are a matter for determination by Council at its Annual Council Meeting or any subsequent meeting of the Council, as appropriate.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Council through its democratic process supports the Council's Corporate Priorities.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 (and further regulations) require the Council to allocate seats to the political parties in accordance with the political balance rules. At its Annual Meeting on 25 May, 2016, Council

considered and confirmed the appointment of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Members to Committees as proposed by each of the Group Leaders in accordance with a political balance calculation that had previously been circulated to them.

- 5.2 Since the appointments were made, the Labour Group Leader has had to make changes to the Group’s memberships on the Better Jobs and Skills and Environment Scrutiny Committees that now require retrospective approval.

In the case of the Better Jobs and Skills Scrutiny Committee, Cllr. Miss J. Cooper was replaced as Chair by Cllr. Mrs. C. Martin, but remained as a Committee member. In the case of the Environment Scrutiny Committee, Cllr. Miss J. Cooper replaced Cllr. Mrs. C. Martin on the Committee and in the Chair.

The other Group Leaders confirmed that they had no objections to the proposals.

- 5.3 In summary, the changes are as follows:

Scrutiny Committee	Member(s) to be Replaced	Replacement Member(s)
Better Jobs and Skills	Cooper, Miss J. (Lab) Chair (but remains as a member of Committee)	Martin, Mrs. C. (Lab) (becomes Chair)
Environment	Martin, Mrs. C. (Lab) Chair (removed from Committee)	Miss J. Cooper (Lab) (becomes Chair)

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

None.

6.2 Legal

The Council has a duty under the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 ('the Act'), Section 15(3), to determine the allocation to the different political groups into which the Members of the Council are divided of all the seats which fall to be filled by appointments made from time to time by the Council.

Section 15(4) and (5) of the Act places a further duty upon the Council, in performing its obligations under subsection (3) above, to determine the allocation to different political groups of seats on Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies, so as to give effect, so far as reasonably practicable, to the following principles:

- (a) that not all the seats are allocated to the same political group;

- (b) that the majority of the seats are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Council which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of the Council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council; and
- (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Other Bodies as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.

6.3 Human Resources

None.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None.

6.6 Data Protection

None.

6.7 Risk Management

None.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

None.

6.9 Best Value

None.

7 Appendices to the Report

None

Previous Consideration

Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen to the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Other Bodies

Annual Council Meeting 25 May, 2016

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Amendments to the Memberships of
Committees and Other Bodies

Council

6 July, 2016

Background Papers

None