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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Report Track:</b>	<b>Council: 22/02/17</b>

**COUNCIL**  
**22 FEBRUARY 2017**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERSHIPS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Council is requested to confirm retrospectively approval of a change to the membership of the Council's Planning Control Committee, as previously agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 25 May, 2016.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the membership of the Council's Planning Control Committee, as previously agreed, be amended as detailed in paragraph 5.2 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 the following change to the Group's membership on the Planning Control Committee which now requires retrospective approval by Council:

Committee	Member(s) to be Replaced	Replacement Member(s)
Planning Control Committee	Witton, P.T. (Lab)	Allen, F.W.C. (Lab)

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

## **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.

<b>7 Appendices to the Report</b>
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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
Amendments to the Memberships of Committees and Other Bodies	Council	6 July, 2016
Amendments to the Memberships of Committees and Other Bodies	Council	24 August, 2016

<b>Background Papers</b>
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None