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| <b>Key Decision:</b>     | <b>No</b>                    |
| <b>Report Track:</b>     | <b>Council: 12/08/15</b>     |

**COUNCIL**  
**12 AUGUST, 2015**  
**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 memberships of certain of the Council's Committees and Other Bodies as previously agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 27 May, 2015 and, subsequently at Council on 8 July, 2015.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the memberships of the Council's Appointments Panel, 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 27 May, 2015, 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, a preliminary meeting of the Appointments Panel has been held, with three subsequent formal meetings to follow, to appoint to the post of Head of Housing and Waste Management. As members of the Panel are expected to participate throughout the formal process, and one of the original nominations had subsequently indicated that he would be unable to do so, it was necessary for him to be replaced. In order to not delay the process, the other Political Group Leaders were consulted and agreed that they had no objections to the changes, with the matter to be confirmed retrospectively at the next Council meeting.
- 5.3 In summary, the changes are as follows:

|                    | Member(s) to be Replaced | Replacement Member(s)   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Appointments Panel | Burnett, G. (Con)        | Sutton, Mrs. H.M. (Con) |

## 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**

**Previous Consideration**

Appointment of Members,

Annual Council

27 May, 2015

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

Amendments to the  
Memberships of Committees  
and Other Bodies

Council

8 July, 2015

**Background Papers**

None