

**COUNCIL**

**26 OCTOBER 2017**

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**REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SERVICES**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Reason for this Report.**

1. To receive and make appointments to fill current vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats in accordance with party group wishes.

**Background**

2. The Council at its Annual Meeting on 25 May 2017 established its committees and allocated seats to party groups in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended.
3. The legislation requires the Council to allocate committee seats to political groups in proportion, as far as is reasonably practicable, to the size of those groups on the Council. Once the Council has determined the allocation of seats, it is obliged to make appointments so as to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which the seat has been allocated.
4. Appointments to Committees have been made in accordance with the agreed allocations and the wishes of the political groups.

**Issues**

5. The following Committees currently have vacancies.

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>No of Vacancies</u></b>
Licensing Committee	2 vacancy
Public Protection Committee	2 vacancy
Community & Adult Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Health & Safety Advisory Group	1 vacancy

6. The vacancies have been discussed with all Party Group Whips at their regular monthly meetings. The Plaid Group have indicated that they do not wish to take up the seats allocated on Licensing Committee and Public Protection Committee.
7. Nominations received to the vacancies will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet.

### **Financial Implications**

8. There are there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been included within the Council's budget for 2017/18.

### **Legal Implications**

9. The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Council makes appointments to fill the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocations and the nominations of the Party Groups, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

### **DAVINA FIORE**

Director Governance and Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

19 October 2017

#### Background Papers

Annual Council 25 May 2017 – Item 11 Establishment of Standing Committees

Annual Council 25 May 2017 – Item 13 Allocation of Seats and Nominations of Members to Committee