

COUNCIL:

25 OCTOBER 2018

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Reason for Report

1. To receive and approve in accordance with political group wishes nominations to current committee vacancies and elect a Deputy Chair for the Pension Committee.

Background

2. The Annual Council 24 May 2018 established the Committees and Panels of the Council and their composition. The seats allocated on Committee were made in accordance with political balance and nominations were received to each committee from the political groups.
3. In accordance with the Welsh Audit Office Statement of Action P3b (report March 2016) - Membership of Committees is a standing item on monthly Group Whips meetings and Full Council as appropriate.

Issues

Committee Membership

4. There is a vacancy on the Council's Pension Committee and any nominations to fill this vacancy received prior to Full Council on 25 October 2018 will be reported on the amendment sheet.

Deputy Chair – Pensions Committee

5. In addition, a request has been received from the Secretariat to the Wales Pensions Partnership Joint Governance Committee (Carmarthenshire County Council) via the Section 151 Officer for a nominated Deputy Chair of the Council's Pension Committee who could deputise for the Chair of the Pension Committee, currently the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, at meetings of the Pensions Partnership Joint Committee.

Legal Implications

6. The Council is under a duty to make appointments to Committees, in accordance with the approved allocation of seats to political groups, so as to give effect to the wishes of the political groups (pursuant to Section 16 of the 1989 Act).

7. Under the Council and Committee Meeting Procedure Rules (Rules 2(b)(xv) and 1.2 respectively), the Council may elect a Chair and Deputy for each of its committees. The Council may elect any member of the Pension Committee as its Deputy Chair.
8. Members will note that the recommendation is for the Pension Committee Deputy Chair to be nominated to deputise for the Chair at meetings of the Wales Pensions Partnership Joint Committee ('the Joint Committee'). The Inter-Authority Agreement which establishes the Joint Committee allows each participating authority to nominate one representative and a named deputy to sit on the Joint Committee, provided that the representative must be a member of the authority's Pension Committee. The Chair of the Pension Committee was nominated as Cardiff's representative on the Joint Committee by Council in February 2017.
9. The rules on political balance do not apply to this Joint Committee (pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, section 15 and Schedule 1 paragraphs 1(c) and 2(h)). This means that Council may nominate any member of the Pension Committee as the Council's deputy representative on the Joint Committee.

Financial Implications

10. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is recommended to

1. appoint to the vacancy on the Pension Committee in accordance with Party Group wishes and as set out on the Amendment Sheet;
2. elect a Deputy Chair from the membership of the Pension Committee and nominate this Member to deputise for the Chair at meetings of the Wales Pensions Partnership Joint Governance Committee.

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18 October 2018

Background Papers

Annual Council Reports 24 May 2018

Minutes of Annual Council 24 May 2018

Minutes Council 21 June 2018

Minutes Council 19 July 2018

Wales Pensions Partnership Joint Governance Committee, Inter-Authority Agreement 28 June 2017