

**COUNCIL:**

**4 MARCH 2021**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Reason for Report**

1. To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes.

**Background**

2. The Annual Council 26 November 2020 established the Committees and Panels of the Council and their composition. The seats allocated to political groups on each committee were calculated in accordance with political balance, and nominations were received for 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**

4. The Annual Council 26 November 2020 received nominations to committee seats. Not all seats were filled and the vacancies that remain are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Nomination Received</b>
Audit Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Labour	
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Propel	
Planning Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Conservative	
Public Protection	1 vacancy	1 x Propel	
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny	1 vacancy	1 x Propel	

5. Further nominations to fill existing vacancies received from political groups prior to Full Council on 4 March 2021 will be reported on the amendment sheet.

### **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. The size and composition of the Local Planning Authority Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017 (made under section 39 of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015), provide that in relation to the size and composition of planning committees where wards have more than one elected Member, only one Member may sit on the planning committee, in order to allow other ward Members to perform the representative role for local community interests.
8. The Council's Planning Committee Procedure Rules currently provide for the establishment of the Planning Committee, and Rule 1.1A(ii) reflects the requirements of the above Regulations.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is recommended to appoint to the vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

**DAVINA FIORE**

**Director Governance and Legal Services**

26 February 2021

### **Background Papers**

Annual Council Reports and Minutes 26 November 2020