
REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Reason for this Report.

1. To inform Council of a change in the political composition of the Council; and
2. To make appointments to fill current vacancies on Committees in accordance with the approved allocation of seats to party groups and the respective party group wishes.

Background

3. The Council at its Annual Meeting on 28 May 2016 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.
4. 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.
5. Appointments to Committees have been made in accordance with the agreed allocations and the wishes of the political groups.

Issues

6. Notification was received on 15 July 2016 from Councillor Marshall (Independent) that she had joined the Plaid Cymru Group on the Council.
7. At the By-Election on the 20 September 2016 Councillor Robin Rea (Liberal Democrat) was elected to the Ward of Plasnewydd.

8. Under the relevant legal provisions (referred to under paragraph 3), neither of these changes effect the current allocation of seats on Committees approved at Annual Council 28 May 2016.
9. The following Committees currently have vacancies.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>No of Vacancies</u>
Planning Committee	3 vacancies
Licensing Committee	2 vacancies
Public Protection Committee	2 vacancies
Audit Committee	1 vacancy
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	2 vacancies
Council Appeals Committee	1 vacancy
Democratic Services Committee	1 vacancy
Employment Conditions Committee	1 Vacancy
Community & Adult Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Economy Scrutiny Committee	2 vacancies
Environment Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny	1 vacancy
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	1 vacancy
Health & Safety Advisory Group	1 vacancy
Works Council * to be filled by a Member of the Employment Conditions Committee	1 vacancy
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee	2 vacancies

10. The vacancies have been discussed with all Party Group Whips at their regular monthly meetings. Nominations will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet, to allow Council to make appointments to fill the vacancies in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political groups.

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications

12. There are there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been included within the Council's budget for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council

- (1) notes the change in the political composition of the Council as set out in the report; and
- (2) 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

21 September 2016

Background Papers

Letter 15 July 2016 to Proper Officer from Councillor Marshall

Notice of Membership of Group signed by the Leader Plaid Cymru Group 9 August 2016

Declaration of Election to the Plasnewydd Ward 20 September 2016