

COUNCIL:

25 NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

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 meeting 27 May 2021 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 the rules on political balance, and nominations were received for each committee from the political groups.
3. Following changes in the political composition of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees has been revised, in accordance with the rules on political balance, in September 2021 and under agenda item 8 of this November 2021 Council meeting.
4. 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

5. Current Committee vacancies, in accordance with the approved allocations to political groups, are as follows:

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	2 vacancies	1 x Conservative	Councillor Jones-Pritchard
		1 x Propel	Councillor Ford
Council Appeals Committee	1 vacancy	Labour **	
Democratic Services Committee	1 vacancy	Labour **	

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Licensing Committee	1 vacancy	Conservative	
Public Protection Committee	2 vacancies	1 x Independent 1 x Propel	

** Subject to Council approving the revised political allocation recommended in the report on Agenda Item 8.

6. Further nominations to fill existing vacancies received from political groups prior to Full Council on 25 November 2021 will be reported on the amendment sheet.

Legal Implications

7. 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).
8. The Democratic Services Committee is a statutory committee established under Part 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ('the 2011 Measure'). Section 12 of the 2011 Measure states that the Democratic Services Committee cannot include more than one member of the Cabinet, who must not be the Leader.

Financial Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is recommended to receive nominations and appoint to the vacancies on Committees, in accordance with the allocation of seats approved under agenda item 8 of this Council meeting and Party Group wishes, as set out on the Amendment Sheet.

DAVINA FIORE

Director Governance and Legal Services

19 November 2021

Background Papers

Annual Council Reports and Minutes 27 May 2021

Council Minutes 24 June 2021

Council Minutes 22 July 2021

Council Minutes 30 September 2021

Council Minutes 21 October 2021