
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 21 May 2015 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. Following a change in the Council's political composition, a revised proportional allocation of committee seats was agreed by Council on 23 July 2015.
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 12 January 2016 from Councillor Ralph Cook that he had resigned, with immediate effect, from the Cardiff Council Labour Group to become an independent Member, not aligned to any party group. Under the relevant legal provisions (referred to under paragraph 3 above), this change does not require a change to the present allocation of seats on Committees.

7. The following Committees currently have vacancies.

Committee	No of Vacancies
Planning Committee	2 vacancy
Licensing Committee	1 vacancy
Public Protection Committee	1 vacancy
Audit Committee	1 vacancy
Constitution Committee	1 vacancy
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	1 vacancy
Democratic Services Committee	1 vacancy
Standards and Ethics Committee	1 vacancy
Community & Adult Scrutiny	3 vacancies**
Economy Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Environment Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	3 vacancies
Health & Safety Advisory Group	1 vacancy
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee	1 vacancy

*** Conservative vacancy has been given over to any group or Member interested in taking the vacancy until the end of this Municipal Year.*

8. 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

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

Financial Implications

10. 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.

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