

Meeting of the Council – 6th March, 2023

Report of the Lead for Law and Governance

Membership of the Cabinet and Committees

Purpose

1. To note changes to the membership of the Cabinet and Committees and to consider the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

Recommendations

2. That the appointment of Councillor D Corfield as the Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm, and the consequential changes to the membership of Committees, be noted.
3. That the Council consider the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

Background

4. On 28th February, 2023, the Leader appointed Councillor D Corfield to the position of Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm. This appointment was made by the Leader pursuant to delegated powers under Part 3 of the Constitution.
5. Under Article 4.02 of the Constitution, the Monitoring Officer is authorised to make any necessary changes to the composition of Committees that arise from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Leaders of political groups.

6. Any consequential changes to Committee memberships arising from Councillor D Corfield's appointment to the Cabinet are being dealt with, in consultation with the Leader, under delegated powers.
7. At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 19th May, 2022, Councillor D Corfield was appointed as the Chair of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee. Following Councillor D Corfield's appointment to the Cabinet, it is now necessary for the Council to review the position of the Scrutiny Chair (and Vice-Chair). The Council is requested to consider this as a matter of urgency to ensure that the new Chair (and Vice-Chair) are properly appointed before the forthcoming March cycle of Committee meetings.

Finance

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report. The payment of Members' Allowances is contained within existing budgets.

Law

9. Statutory provisions regarding the Constitution and arrangements with respect to executive functions are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, as amended, and the Localism Act 2011, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The power to appoint Committees and to delegate functions to Committees and Officers is set out in Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Risk Management

10. There are no material risks to be considered as part of the Council's Risk Management Framework.

Equality Impact

11. The Constitution makes provision for the discharge of the Council's powers and duties relating to equality and diversity including the consideration of any specific implications of proposals affecting children and young people.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

12. There are no human resources or organisational development implications arising from this report.

Commercial/Procurement

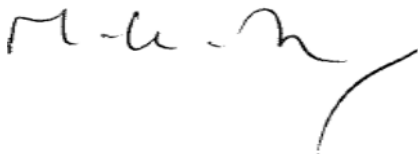
13. There are no commercial or procurement implications arising from this report.

Environment/Climate Change

14. To reinforce the Council's commitment to addressing environmental issues and climate change, the Leader established a specific Cabinet portfolio for Waste Management and Climate Change in May 2022. The Council also established the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Council Priorities

15. The Council's Constitution underpins the delivery of key Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and Future Council Programme.



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