

Report to Council

Subject: Changes to the Conservative Group

Date: 15 July 2020

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Purpose

For Council to approve a change to the membership of the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee and to recognise a change of Leader within the Conservative Group.

Recommendation(s)

That Council

- 1) Agrees Councillor Sam Smith will replace Councillor Barnfather on the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee; and**
- 2) Recognises Councillor Adams as Leader of the Conservative Group following his appointment at the Group's AGM on 15 June 2020.**

1 Background

- 1.1 Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Council's Annual General Meeting was unable to take place. This meant that there was not the usual opportunity for political groups to make changes to their committee memberships and positions attracting a special responsibility allowance.
- 1.2 Following the Conservative Group's own AGM, Democratic Services was informed of changes affecting the Conservative Group. This report informs Council of these changes and makes appropriate recommendations to give effect to them.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The report proposes one change to the membership of the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee. It is also proposed that Council recognises a change of Leader in the Conservative Group following the

Group's AGM.

3 Alternative Options

3.1 There are no alternative options to this proposal.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require that Committees are politically balanced and reflect the overall makeup of the council.

5.2 The Leader of an opposition group is appointed by the political group and Council does not need to formally approve that appointment. However it is usual practice that Leaders of Opposition Groups are recognised at the Annual Meeting.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

7.1 There are no environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

8 Appendices

8.1 None

9 Background Papers

9.1 None identified

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Assistant Director, Finance

Date:

3/7/2020

Approved by:

Monitoring Officer

Date:

2/7/2020