

## **Report to Council**

**Subject:** Changes to committee membership

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### **Purpose**

Following formal notification from the Labour party, the allocation of seats to committees must be updated and this report proposes to make the necessary changes.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**To approve the following changes to representation on committees:**

- 1) Remove Councillor Welsh from Planning Committee; and**
- 2) Add Councillor Barnes as a member of the Planning Committee; and**
- 3) Remove Councillor Rachael Ellis from Appeals and Retirement Committee; and**
- 4) Add Councillor David Ellis as a member of the Appeals and Retirement Committee; and**
- 5) Remove Councillor Barnes as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and**
- 6) Add Councillor Roxanne Ellis as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

## **1 Background**

In determining the membership of committees, account must be taken of the requirements of 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. These regulations require that seats on committees and sub-committees are allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall political balance of the Council. A political group is defined as a group consisting of two or more members.

There is no change to the political make-up of the Council, which is as follows:

Labour Group	28 ( - )
Conservative Group	9 ( - )
Liberal Democrat Group	4 ( - )

## **2 Proposal**

It is proposed to make the following changes to committee memberships:

- Remove Councillor Welsh from Planning Committee; and
- Add Councillor Barnes as a member of the Planning Committee; and
- Remove Councillor Rachael Ellis from Appeals and Retirement Committee; and
- Add Councillor David Ellis as a member of the Appeals and Retirement Committee; and
- Remove Councillor Barnes as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- Add Councillor Roxanne Ellis as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **3 Alternative Options**

Council may decide not to approve the recommendations as proposed. However, these proposals have been put forward by the Labour Group to ensure that membership of Committees reflects requirements in the constitution in terms of Committee make up and membership.

## **4 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **5 Legal Implications**

The legal implications are as detailed in this report.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

There are no environmental sustainability implications arising from this

report.

**8 Appendices**

None.

**9 Background Papers**

None.