

## **Report to Council**

**Subject:** Changes to committee membership

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### **Purpose**

Following formal notification of two resignations of membership 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 Whiting from Joint Consultative and Safety Committee; and**
- 2) Add Councillor Ron McCrossen as a member of the Joint Consultative and Safety Committee; and**
- 3) Remove Councillor Ron McCrossen as a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and**
- 4) Add Councillor Robinson-Payne as a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and**
- 5) Add Councillors Gibbons and Whiting to Standards Committee; and**
- 6) Remove Councillor Gibbons from Planning Committee; and**
- 7) Add Councillor Whiting as a member of the Planning Committee; and**
- 8) Councillor Gibbons to remain on the Environment and Licensing Committee and Licensing Act Panel as an Independent; and**
- 9) Councillor Whiting to remain on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as an Independent; and**
- 10) Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be confirmed at the meeting.**

## 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 has been a change to the political make-up of the Council, which is as follows:

Labour Group	26 (-2)
Conservative Group	9 (-)
Liberal Democrat Group	4 (-)
Independent	2 (+2)

## 2 Proposal

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

- Remove Councillor Whiting from Joint Consultative and Safety Committee; and
- Add Councillor Ron McCrossen as a member of the Joint Consultative and Safety Committee; and
- Remove Councillor Ron McCrossen as a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and
- Add Councillor Robinson-Payne as a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and
- Add Councillors Gibbons and Whiting to Standards Committee; and
- Remove Councillor Gibbons from Planning Committee; and
- Add Councillor Whiting as a member of the Planning Committee; and
- Councillor Gibbons to remain on the Environment and Licensing Committee and Licensing Act Panel as an Independent; and
- Councillor Whiting to remain on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as an Independent; and
- Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be confirmed at the meeting.

### **3 Alternative Options**

Council may decide not to approve the recommendations as proposed. However, these proposals have been put forward 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.