

Report to Council

Subject: Changes to committee membership

Date: 21 January 2026

Author: Democratic Services Manager

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) Amend Councillor Feeney's role on the Standards Committee from Chair to Vice Chair**
- 2) Amend Councillor Brocklebank's role on the Standard Committee from Vice Chair to Chair**

1 Background

1.1 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. Any singular member is not classed as a political grouping for the calculation of seat allocation.

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

Political party/grouping	Number of councillors
Labour Group	25
Conservative Group	9

Liberal Democrat Group	4
Independent Group	2
Independent members	1

2 Proposal

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

- Amend Councillor Feeney's role on the Standards Committee from Chair to Vice Chair
- Amend Councillor Brocklebank's role on the Standard Committee from Vice Chair to Chair

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.