



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
ON:	17th May 2012

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012/13

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To make Council appointments for 2012/13.

2. ANNUAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Under the Constitution of the Council, the Annual Meeting of the Council needs to confirm appointments to various committees, including overview and scrutiny committees.

1. It is proposed to amend the Constitution (Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – (7) – Who chairs Overview and Scrutiny Committees) with deletion of the requirement for the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Review Overview and Scrutiny Committee (now Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee) and the Chair and Vice Chair of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be from different political parties.

Additionally the Council is asked to:

2. Note the Shadow Portfolio Members; and
3. Appoint Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members to the following Committees:
 - Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Regeneration & Neighbourhoods Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Children & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Planning & Highways Committee
 - Licensing Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Member Engagement Advisory Committee
 - Corporate Parenting Committee

*The Localism Act 2011 (“the Act”) abolishes the existing standards regime, and allows the Council to put in place its own arrangements for maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct, The Act also requires the Council to have a code of conduct and put in place its own arrangements for investigating complaints. These changes are due to come into effect on 1 July 2012. The existing Standards Committee is therefore being reviewed and a report is being prepared detailing the new arrangements, which will submitted to Council on 28 June for approval.

The Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee include within their membership, two Diocesan and three parent-governor co-opted members who have voting rights and are separately appointed by their respective bodies.

The Licensing Committee has established Sub-Committees consisting of three members of the Committee to deal with licensing applications. A rota of Members is drawn up with the Chair or Vice Chair leading each Sub-Committee meeting.

3 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Lead Members appointed will be eligible to serve on any Committees but cannot Chair any of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Members of the Executive Board cannot serve on Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Political parties make nominations to the Committees listed in 2 above. Places are allocated in line with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (ss.15-17). Political Group nominations will be circulated prior to the meeting of Annual Council.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Council approves amendment of the Constitution (Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) (7) – (Who Chairs Overview and Scrutiny Committees) by deleting the words ‘shall be from different political parties and’ ;
- 2) That Council notes the Shadow Portfolio Members;
- 3) That appointments be made to the positions detailed in Paragraph subsection 2; and
- 4) That Council note the eligibility of Lead Members and the provisions relating to political balance, referred to in Paragraph 3.

(Note: That in the event the Group nominations are not available before the Annual Meeting the decisions on appointment of Members to Committees can be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree the appointments).

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