



TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

TO/ON: COUNCIL – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2005

BY: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

LEAD MEMBER: COUNCILLOR D RUDDICK – HUMAN RESOURCES AND MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1. To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the appointments to committees in the light of the changes to the Council's structure following the introduction of the new political governance arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. To resolve that the appointment of committees from 1st October 2005 for the remainder of the Municipal Year be made in accordance with Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Group) Regulations 1990, as amended.

2.2. Having agreed the allocation of seats, to note each political groups' appointments to fill their allocation of seats on the Committees as notified to the Chief Executive and to make the appointments to each Committee, so as to give effect to the wishes of each political group.

2.3 To note the appointment of three independent Members and one Whitworth Town Council Member to serve on the Standards Committee.

2.4 To appoint six Members to the Cabinet for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

2.5 To note the Portfolios in respect of the Cabinet and to approve the appointment of the individual Portfolio Holders.

3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. Members will recall that the appointment of committees and the appointment of councillors to serve on those committees is usually made at the Annual Council meeting. However, the Council at its meeting on 13th July 2005 approved its new governance arrangements, which has implications for the constitution of the various committees. The revised arrangements will be implemented on 1st October 2005.
- 3.2 The effect of the new arrangements is to remove the Executive, which will subsequently be known as the Cabinet, from the rules in relation to political balance. Accordingly, it is necessary to recalculate the allocation of the remaining seats to ensure political balance. In addition, the new arrangements have amended the committee structure so that the Audit Committee is disestablished and two Overview and Scrutiny Committees are created to deal with Audit and Performance and Policy Development. The political balance of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is calculated separately from the Committees appointed under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 3.3 A summary of the suggested political balance will follow. Proposals from each political group for appointments to fill their allocation of seats will be circulated at the meeting.

4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

4.1. FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1.1. There are no financial or risk implications.

4.2. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.2.1. The revised appointments to Committees and the Cabinet are a direct consequence of the implementation of the Council's revised corporate governance arrangements. The appointment of Portfolio Holders will ensure the creation of a Member champion for each of its corporate priorities.

4.3. HUMAN RESOURCES

- 4.3.1. There are no human resources implications.

5. ANY OTHER RELEVANT CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1. The proposals do not affect any of the Council's other corporate priorities.

6. RISK

- 6.1. There are no risk implications.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

7.1. None.

8. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT

8.1 There are no equalities implications.

9. WARDS AFFECTED

9.1 All wards are affected

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 Nil

11. Background documents:

11.1 Nil

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