

TITLE OF REPORT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2015/2016**REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER****1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the appointment of Members of Committees for 2015/2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That, for 2015/16, the seats allocated to each political party on the Committees to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies and the seats allocated to each political party on the bodies to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 does not apply be as set out in Appendix A to this report, which will be tabled at the meeting.
- 2.2 That, for 2015/16, Members be appointed to the various Committees and other bodies in accordance with the wishes of the individual groups, as detailed in Appendix B to this report, which will be tabled at the meeting.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To comply with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 5.1 The Leaders of the Political Groups have been consulted and have informed the Democratic Services Manager of their of the appointment of Committee Members for 2015/2016.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 The provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (“the Act”) imposed a duty for the Council to review the representation of the different Political Groups on the Council’s Committees. The representation needs to be broadly proportional to the number of seats held by each Political Group of the Council. The Committees to which Section 15 of the Act applies are:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee;
- Planning Control Committee;
- Licensing & Appeals Committee;
- Standards Committee;
- Council Tax Setting Committee;
- Employment Committee; and
- Joint Staff Consultative Committee.

7.2 The Council is also required to appoint to various other bodies, to which Section 15 of the Act does not apply, in accordance with the nominations received from the Political Groups.

8. ISSUES

8.1 Appendix A to the report (which will be tabled at the meeting) will set out political balance of Committees, as required under the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the proposed allocation of seats for those bodies to which Section 15 does not apply, for 2015/16

8.2 Appendix B to the report (which will also be tabled at the meeting) will set out the proposed appointment of Members to Committees for 2015/2016, in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The legal and constitutional requirements are set out in the main body of this report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 As the recommendation made does not constitute a public service contract, the measurement of 'social value' as required by the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 need not be applied.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no human resource implications.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 **Appendix A – Appointment of Committees, including those to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies - this will be tabled at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2015.**
- 15.2 **Appendix B – Appointment of Members of Committees for 2015/2016 - this will be tabled at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2015.**

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 None.