11

TITLE OF REPORT: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR 2017/2018

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (except Area Committees) for 2017/2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (except Area Committees) for 2017/2018 be appointed in accordance with the details set out in Appendix A to the report, which will be tabled at the meeting.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To comply with the provisions of Standing Order 4.8.1(a)(ix) of the Council's Constitution.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1 The Leaders of the Political Groups have been consulted and have informed the Democratic Services Manager of their nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (except Area Committees) for 2017/2018.

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 Standing Order 4.8.1(a)(ix) of the Council's Constitution states that the Council will "appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees, with the exception of the Area Committees, subject to any requirements of this Constitution concerning who may be appointed to such positions".

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Appendix A to the report (which will be tabled at the meeting) will comprise nominations for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (except Area Committees) for 2017/2018.

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 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no human resource implications.

15. APPENDICES

15.1 Appendix A – Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Committees (except Area Committees) for 2017/2018 - this will be tabled at the Annual Council meeting on 18 May 2017.

16. CONTACT OFFICERS

- 16.1 David Miley, Democratic Services Manager <u>david.miley@north-herts.gov.uk</u>
- 16.2 Ian Gourlay, Committee & Member Services Manager ian.gourlay@north-herts.gov.uk

17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

17.1 None.