

COUNCIL
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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

TITLE OF REPORT: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2026/27

REPORT OF: Director - Governance

COUNCIL PRIORITY: Accessible Services; Sustainability; Responsible Growth; Thriving Communities

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Community Forums) for 2026/27.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the Chair and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Community Forums) for 2026/27 be appointed in accordance with the details set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

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 Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager of the nominations for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Community Forums) for 2026/27.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore 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 Annual Council will:

“appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees subject to any requirements of this Constitution concerning who may be appointed to such positions. Community Forums will appoint their own Chair and Vice Chair. In the event that a Chair and Vice Chair cannot be appointed at the first meeting of a Community Forum or at the next available meeting, such appointment shall be made at the subsequent ordinary Council meeting.”

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1. Appendix 1 to the report (to be circulated subsequent to the agenda publication) comprises nominations for the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Community Forums) for 2026/27.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. The legal and constitutional requirements are set out in the main body of this report.
- 9.2. The appointments are made in line with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1991.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are no direct financial implications arising directly from this report.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2. 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. However, equalities implications from the individual recommendations will continue to be monitored and assessed during the decision-making process.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no Human Resource implications in this report.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix 1 – Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (except Community Forums) for 2026/27. ***(Appendix 1 will be circulated as a supplement when available)***

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 None.