

To: **COUNCIL**
30 NOVEMBER 2016

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODY REPRESENTATION
Director of Corporate Services – Democratic and Registration Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks the Council's approval to the appointment of Members to fill vacancies on committees and an external organisation following the resignation of Philip King OBE and pre-existing vacancies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the appointments to the Committees, as set out in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3, are agreed in accordance with the wishes of the political group;**
- 2.2 **That David St. John Jones be appointed as the Independent Member on Governance and Audit Committee; and**
- 2.3 **That the Leader's actions are noted as set out in paragraphs 5.5 through 5.8.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To agree Committee appointments and external representation.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Committee Appointments

- 5.1 Philip King OBE resigned from Bracknell Forest Council on 9 September 2016 and the resulting by-election in the Central Sandhurst Ward did not alter the political balance of the Council with the Conservative group remaining the only political group on the Council.
- 5.2 Council is now asked to appoint to the membership vacancy on the Governance & Audit Committee.
- 5.3 Council is now asked to appoint to the substitute member vacancies on the following committees:
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission
 - Appeals Committee
 - Edgbarrow & Sandhurst Sports Centre Management Committee
 - Electoral Review Steering Group

Governance and Audit Committee

- 5.4 David St. John Jones has been nominated by the Governance and Audit Committee to become the Independent Member on the Committee following the resignation of the previous representative Gordon Anderson. Council is now asked to confirm his appointment.

Leader's appointments

- 5.5 The Leader's appointments to the Finance Portfolio Review Group and the substitute for Bracknell Forest Access Group will be tabled at the meeting.
- 5.6 Council is also requested to note the Leader's appointment to a working group established by the Berkshire Records Office to review storage and accommodation which will be tabled at the meeting. A Member from each of the Berkshire unitary authorities has been invited to attend. The County Archivist, is the working group's lead officer.
- 5.7 Council is also requested to note that the Leader's appointments to the Joint Member Board to initially provide advice and direction on the development of the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. The Plan is being developed on behalf of four authorities: Bracknell Forest Council, Hampshire County Council, Reading Borough Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council. The Leader has appointed Councillors Mrs Hayes MBE and Turrell to the Joint Member Board which will also provide strategic direction and promote the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.
- 5.8 Council is also requested to note that the Leader has established a Member Working Group to work with officers on the democratic/civic accommodation project and to act as the Member Reference Group. The Leader has appointed Councillors Allen, Leake, McCracken (Chairman), Mrs McCracken, Mrs McKenzie-Boyle, Mrs Temperton and Turrell to form the Working Group.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Any costs associated with these appointments will be met from within the Council's existing budget.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not relevant to this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Not relevant to this report.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Conservative Group.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Email correspondence.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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