

TO: COUNCIL
13 SEPTEMBER 2017

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES
Director of Resources – Democratic and Registration Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the revised position regarding the appointment of Members to serve on committees since Annual Council on 24 May 2017 and the Council meeting on 12 July 2017.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Councillor Virgo be appointed as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission;**
- 2.2 **That the Leader's actions in relation to the Finance Portfolio Review Group is noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the urgent action taken in relation to the Appointment Committee: Head of Overview and Scrutiny is noted.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To finalise committee and external body appointments.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

- 5.1 Following Councillor Phillips' resignation from both the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel in May 2017 a Conservative vacancy has been identified on the Overview and Scrutiny Commission. Through custom and practice all the Overview and Scrutiny Panels are represented on the Commission by their Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The new Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel Chairman, Councillor Mrs McCracken, is already a member of the Commission. Council is now asked to confirm that Councillor Virgo, Vice-Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel be appointed to fill the remaining vacancy in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group.

Finance Portfolio Review Group

- 5.2 Since the Annual Council meeting the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bettison OBE, has updated the membership of the Finance Portfolio Review Group as set out below and the Council is asked to note his changes.

Finance Portfolio Review Group

Allen
Angell
Bettison OBE
D Birch
Brossard
Heydon
Leake
McCracken
Mrs McCracken (Chairman)
Peacey
Porter
Thompson
Tullett
Virgo (Vice-Chairman)
Wade

Urgent action: Appointment Committee – Head of Overview and Scrutiny

- 5.3 At its meeting on 26 April 2017 the Council appointed representatives to interview and appoint on behalf of the Council to the post of Head of Overview and Scrutiny. On the 5 June 2017 following the urgency procedures, set out at paragraph 6.4 of Part 2 Section 6 of the Constitution, the Chief Executive added Councillor Heydon as a substitute to the Committee. This decision was urgent due to the recruitment timetable and to enable the Executive to be represented on the Committee's composition in Councillor McCracken's absence. Written agreement to the action taken was obtained from both the Mayor and the Leader of the Council.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 There are no additional revenue implications arising from the above recommendations.

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 Discussion

Representations Received

8.3 Outcome of discussions will be tabled at the meeting.

Background Papers

None

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