

To: COUNCIL
22 JANUARY 2014

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.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the appointment to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission is agreed in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.**
- 2.2 **That the Leader's actions are noted as set out in paragraph 5.3.**

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 On 27 November 2013 the Council reviewed the allocation of seats on committees following the formation of a third political group on the Council. Changes were also made to committee and external body membership following the death of Councillor Mrs Ballin and the appointment of Councillor Turrell to the Executive. Not all seats were filled and Council is now asked to appoint to the vacancies which are:
- Overview & Scrutiny Commission – Conservative appointment to be tabled at the meeting
 - Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Conservative appointment to be tabled at the meeting for endorsement at the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission on 30 January 2013
 - Planning Committee – the UKIP Group does not wish to appoint to the vacant UKIP seat at this time

Bracknell Forest Homes

- 5.2 The composition of the Bracknell Forest Homes Board has changed following a period of consultation over the summer. This is now a single status Board of up to 10 members including one Council nominated member. Single status means there is one category of Board membership and one system for recruiting Board members,

based on their skills, knowledge and experience. Councillor Wade has been invited to continue to sit on the Board under the revised governance structure. The Council is asked to confirm his appointment.

Leader's appointments

- 5.3 Council is requested to note that the Leader has appointed Councillor McCracken to a working group established by the Berkshire Records Office to review storage and accommodation. A Member from each of the Berkshire unitary authorities has been invited to attend. Peter Durrant, the County Archivist, is the working group's lead officer.
- 5.4 The Leader's appointments to the Care Portfolio Review Group and the Community Portfolio Review Group will be tabled at the meeting.

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 Political Groups.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Email correspondence and discussion with the relevant Group Leader.

Representations Received

- 7.3 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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