

To: **COUNCIL**
26 FEBRUARY 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 a substitute Member on the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and asks Council to note the appointment the Leader has made to an external organisation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the appointment of the substitute Member to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission is agreed in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group.**
- 2.2 **That Council notes that the Leader has appointed Councillor Mrs Hayes to Climate Berkshire as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To agree Committee appointments.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Committee Appointments

- 5.1 On 22 January 2014 the Council appointed Councillor Mrs McCracken to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission. Councillor Mrs McCracken was previously a Conservative substitute Member for the Commission and therefore a vacancy has arisen. The name of the Member to be appointed will be tabled at the meeting.

Leader's appointments

- 5.2 Council is requested to note that the Leader has appointed Councillor Mrs Hayes as the Council's representative on Climate Berkshire in her capacity as the Executive Member for Environment. Climate Berkshire has been established to co-ordinate climate change action across Berkshire and is a sub-group of the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Economic Partnership.

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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