

Membership of Committees – Appointment of New Councillor to Scrutiny, Audit and Regulation Committee and change of representation on the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Panel

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1. Purpose of the Report

Following a change in political balance, this report confirms amendments to the Scrutiny, Audit and Regulation Committee membership and representation on the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Panel.

2. Public Interest

Each year at their annual meeting, Council agree to appoint Councillors to the various committees and to represent SSDC on outside organisations. This report confirms the wishes of the Liberal Democrat, Independent and Conservative groups to make amendments to the Councillors appointed to the Scrutiny, Audit and Regulation Committees and an amendment to the representation on the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Panel.

3. Recommendations

In accordance with Section 16 (1) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the duty therein to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which seats on any committee are allocated, the Council confirm that:-

- a) Councillor Malcolm Cavill be appointed to the Regulation Committee to replace Councillor Neil Bloomfield.
- b) A Liberal Democrat Councillor be appointed to the Audit Committee to replace Councillor Louise Clarke.
- c) A Conservative Councillor be appointed to the Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Louise Clarke.
- d) Councillor Neil Bloomfield be appointed to the Regulation Committee to replace Councillor Tony Capozzoli.
- e) A Councillor be appointed to represent SSDC on the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Panel to replace Councillor Neil Bloomfield.
- f) A Councillor be appointed as Vice-Chairman of Regulation Committee.

4. Report

The membership of committees and working groups for 2019/20 was approved at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May. Since that meeting, two Councillors have resigned from the Liberal Democrat group which has changed the political balance on the Scrutiny and Regulation Committees. No other Committees are affected by the change in political balance. The Liberal Democrat group have also indicated that they wish to propose a new representative on the Avon and Somerset Police Crime Panel. This report seeks to confirm these requests.

5. Background Papers

Minutes of Council – 21st May 2019, 20th June 2019, 18th July 2019 and 19th September 2019