

Appointment of Members to Council Committees – change to Scrutiny Committee membership

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Purpose of the Report

This report seeks to confirm a change to the Scrutiny Committee membership as requested by the Conservative group, following the appointment of Councillors to various committees and working groups at the Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2022.

Public Interest

Each year, the Council reviews the membership of its Committees, Boards and representation by Councillors on outside organisations. This report seeks to confirm a request by the Conservative group to make a change to representation on the Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

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 Lucy Trimnell be appointed to the Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Mike Lewis.

Report Detail

The membership of committees and working groups for 2022/23 was approved at the Annual Council meeting on 19 May. Since that meeting, the Conservative group have indicated they wish Councillor Lucy Trimnell replace Councillor Michael Lewis on the Scrutiny Committee. This report seeks to confirm the request by the Conservative group.

Financial Implications



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There are no direct financial implications in agreeing the appointments in this report. There is a budget provision to cover the basic and special responsibility allowances of all Councillors.

Legal implications (if any) and details of Statutory Powers

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review the representation on committees and to allocate seats to political groups on the basis of the overall political composition of the Council.

Council Plan Implications

Council Plan 2020 – 2024 – Council Values:

Getting things done - Empowering dedicated and flexible employees and elected members focussed on delivery

Working collaboratively - Working with partners to enhance outcomes for our communities

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

There are no specific carbon emission or climate change implications in this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

<i>An Equality Impact Relevance Check Form has been completed in respect of the Proposal?</i>	Yes
<i>The Impact Relevance Check indicated that a full EIA was required?</i>	No
<i>If an EIA was not required please attach the Impact Relevance Check Form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of its findings in the comments box below.</i>	
<i>If an EIA was required please attach the completed EIA form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of the result of your Equality Impact Assessment in the comment box below.</i>	
Additional Comments	

Privacy Impact Assessment



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No personal data is involved or processed as a result of this report.

Background Papers

The Council's Constitution – Parts 2 and 3
Annual reports to Council - Appointment of Member Level Bodies
Local Government and Housing Act 1989