
Report of the Monitoring Officer

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1. Summary

This report sets out:

- the proposed appointment of Councillor Pugsley to a vacancy on the Scrutiny Committee for Corporate and Resources and to appoint him as the Chair of the committee following the resignation of Councillor Filmer (see Paper A);
- details of a Chief Executive delegated decision granting a Member Dispensation for a six month leave of absence due to illness for Councillor Gill Slocombe (see Paper B); and
- the changes to political proportionality following the recent two by-elections where Councillor O'Donnell was elected to represent Rowbarton & Staplegrove division and Councillor Burt was elected to represent Blackmoor Vale division (see Paper C).

2. Recommendations

That the Council:

Paper A

The Council is recommended to approve the appointment of Councillor Steven Pugsley to the vacancy on the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources and to appoint Councillor Pugsley as the Chair of the committee

Paper B

The Council is asked to note the decision taken by the Chief Executive on 30 October 2024 to grant a leave of absence for Councillor Slocombe.

Paper C

That the Council notes the recent by-election results and the changes to the political balance of the Council.

3. Background

This is set out in Papers A, B and C.

4. Legal, Equalities and Financial Implications

These are set out in Papers A, B and C.

5. Background Papers

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