

Appointments to Committees & Reporting

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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PURPOSE

1. To note changes to the Political Balance resulting from the resignation of Cllr Emma Payne on 6th January 2023 and approve consequential appointments to committees as a result of those changes.
2. To consider the re-appointment of David Sparrow to the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the changes to the Political Balance are noted, and the consequential amendments to Committees are approved.
4. That David Sparrow be re-appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel until May 2025.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. To ensure that the requirements of the Constitution are upheld, and transparency is maintained.
6. To ensure that committee seats are politically balanced as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and appointments are up to date.
7. To maintain the membership of the IRP

8. The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require that before a Council can determine its members' allowance scheme for the ensuing year it must have had regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

9. Appointments to Committees

Councillor Emma Payne submitted her resignation on 6th January 2023.

The make-up of the Council is now:

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| Labour | 19 |
| Liberal Democrat | 8 |
| Conservative | 6 |
| Green | 6 |
| BPIP | 4 |
| Independent | 1 |
| Vacancy | 1 |

The Political Balance has been calculated in line with the requirements of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

There are some consequential changes to committee places:

Audit & Standards Committee – Remove Conservative, Add Liberal Democrat
Scrutiny Committee – Add Conservative to fill existing vacancy.

Group Leaders have been contacted and asked to confirm the members to be removed and added.

10. Appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel

The Independent Remuneration Panel was established by Council in 2001 and comprises 3 members. David Sparrow, the current Chair of the IRP, has a term of office which has now expired. He has indicated that he is willing to continue to work on the Panel. He has played an active part in the work of the IRP over a number of years and has valuable experience in making recommendations to the Council.

The terms of office for Anne Slater and Graham Knott expire in July 2024.

Council set its current members' allowance scheme in 2022 to cover a three-year period up to 31st March 2025. The IRP were re-convened to consider a one-year amendment to the scheme due to a format change to the usual NJC pay award.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

1. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

2. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

3. Member Structures Officer Group.
Member Structures Working Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

31. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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