

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Appointment to Committees and Working Groups for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

PURPOSE

To consider the appointment of Councillors to Committees for the remainder of the 2016-17 Municipal Year following the resignation of Councillors Bill Brindle and Margaret Brindle from the Liberal Democrat Group.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Full Council is recommended to make the following appointments to Committees for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year;
 - (1) Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Free Independent member to replace Councillor Ann Royle as the Labour member on the Scrutiny Committee
 - (2) Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Free Independent member to replace Councillor Gordon Birtwistle as the Liberal Democrat member on the Development Control Committee;
 - (3) Councillor Bill Brindle as the Free Independent member on the Licensing Committee
 - (4) Councillor Gordon Birtwistle as the Liberal Democrat member to replace Councillor Margaret Brindle on the Licensing Committee
 - (5) Councillor Ann Royle as the Labour member to replace Councillor Gordon Birtwistle on the Audit and Standards Committee; and .
 - (6) Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Free Independent member to replace Councillor Margaret Lishman as the Liberal Democrat member on the Member Structures and Support Working Group.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3 To comply with legislation, apply political balance requirements, and to ensure that the Council continues to have an effective and efficient decision making structure.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Following the recent departure of Councillors Bill Brindle and Margaret Brindle from the Liberal Democrat Group legislation requires the Council to recalculate the political balance of the Council and the number of seats allocated to each Group is now as follows

Labour 36 seats; Liberal Democrat 13; Conservative 5; Free Independent 3:

The result being that a number of changes are required to the membership of committees as follow.

- a. Free Independent Group gain one seat and Labour lose one seat on the Scrutiny Committee
- b. Free Independent Group gain one seat and Liberal Democrat Group lose one on the Development Control Committee
- c. Free Independent Group gain one seat on the Licensing Committee
- d. Liberal Democrat Group to nominate a replacement member to the Licensing Committee
- e. Labour Group gain one seat and Liberal Democrat Group lose one seat on the Audit and Standards Committee
- f. Free Independent Group gain one seat and Liberal Democrat Group lose one seat on the Members Structures and Support Working Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

7. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

9. Group Leaders
Member Structures and Support Officer and Working Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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