

## REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>None</b>
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### Appointment to Committees and Working Groups for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

#### PURPOSE

1. To consider the appointment of Councillors to replace Councillor David Roper on Audit and Standards Committee and Development Control Committee, and other Councillor and Co-optee appointments, for the remainder of the 2016-17 Municipal Year.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. That Full Council is recommended to appoint;
  - (1) Councillor Gordon Birtwistle to replace Councillor Roper as the Liberal Democrat member on the Development Control Committee for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year;
  - (2) Councillor Roger Frost to replace Councillor Roper as the Liberal Democrat member on the Audit and Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year.
  - (3) A Labour member, to be nominated, to replace Councillor Tom Porter, Liberal Democrat member, on the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year.
  - (4) That approval be given to the appointment of Ms Kathryn Haworth as a co-opted Parish Member on the Standards committee for a period of 3 years from the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

#### 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 Councillor David Roper from the Liberal Democrat Group, due to him now standing as an Independent he is unable to retain his 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 appointments by Full Council to Audit and Standards Committee and Development Control Committee.

In addition 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 Democrats 16; Conservatives 5.

The result being that

- a. Liberal Democrats are required to replace Councillor Roper on the Development Control Committee and on the Audit and Standards Committee; and
  - b. Liberal Democrats are required to give up one seat to Labour on the Licensing Committee.
5. Following the resignation of a co-opted Parish Representative on the Audit & Standards a vacancy was established. The Monitoring Officer advertised and recruited for the position. All Parish Councils were invited to submit expressions of interest for co-opted appointments to the Audit & Standards Committee. A selection panel including the Chairs of the Audit & Standards and Scrutiny Committees met on 12<sup>th</sup> December to consider expressions of interest from parish members.
  6. The panel have made a recommendation to Council on the appointment of 1 co-opted parish representative.

#### **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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