

Report to the Council

Committee: Appointments Panel

Date: 28 May 2015

Chairman: Councillor C Whitbread

Item: 9

1. Report of the Appointments Panel

Recommending:

(1) To note in accordance with regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the constitution of political groups as set out Appendix 1 to this report;

(2) To note, in accordance with Article 7.03 of the Constitution, the continuation of Councillor C Whitbread as the Leader of the Council;

(3) To receive details of consequential appointments by the Leader for Cabinet members and Cabinet Subcommittees carrying out Executive functions (To be tabled);

(4) To approve the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of Committees, Subcommittees and Panels (non-Executive bodies) as set out at Appendix 2 to this report with any outstanding nominations reported at the meeting;

(5) To confirm Group Representatives for the purposes of substitution notifications as follows:

G Waller – Conservative Group

(6) That Group representatives confirm appointments to be made to Overview and Scrutiny Panels to the Proper Officer by 28 May 2015;

(6) To note consequential appointments made by the Leader to Outside Organisations carrying out Executive functions as set out at Appendix 3 to this report; and

(7) To approve appointments to other Outside Organisations carrying out Council regulatory or non-Cabinet functions as set out at Appendix 3 to this report.

1. (Chairman of the Panel - Councillor C Whitbread) The Panel met on 15 and 21 May 2015 to consider nominations made by Groups and un-affiliated members to positions on:

(i) Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council (Item elsewhere on the Councils agenda);

- (ii) Leader; Deputy Leader and Cabinet members;
 - (iii) Chairmen; Vice-Chairmen and membership of Cabinet Subcommittees;
 - (iv) Chairmen; Vice-Chairmen and members of Committees and Sub-Committees (excluding Scrutiny Panels); Panels; Boards Working Groups and similar bodies;
 - (v) Outside body appointments; and
 - (vi) Political Group constitutions (Appendix 1).
2. The Panel noted that one nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of the Council had been received, that being for Councillor J Lea. This nomination is dealt with elsewhere on the Council agenda.
 3. The Panel was advised that proposals for the Cabinet remained unchanged for the coming year and Cabinet Subcommittee memberships were still under consideration. A separate schedule will be tabled by the Leader at the meeting.
 4. The Panel have been able to bring forward agreed nominations in respect of Committees, Subcommittees and Panels which are set out at Appendix 2. Any remaining anomalies are listed in the schedule and will be reported at the meeting. Members attention is drawn to additional requests to sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Panel agreed that it was appropriate for this year that these requests should be accommodated by the Council. This Committee is required to be pro rata, any deviation would require no member of Council voting against it.
 5. We have been unable to conclude nominations to Scrutiny Panels so we are recommending that Panel Group representatives provide this information in time for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 July 2014 which will make the formal appointments.
 7. We have received the proposals of the Leader for nominations to Outside Organisations carrying out Executive Functions and these are set out at Appendix 3 to this report
 8. We have also been able to agree nominations to Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendix 3. We are asking Council to confirm these appointments.
 9. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.