

Report to the Council

Committee: Appointments Panel

Date: 26 May 2016

Chairman: Councillor C. Whitbread

Item:

1. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL 206/17

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 in Appendix 1 to this report;**
- (2) To receive details of appointments made by the Leader of the Council, of Cabinet members and Cabinet Sub-Committees carrying out Executive functions, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report;**
- (3) To approve the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels (non-Executive bodies) as set out at Appendix 3 to this report, with any outstanding nominations reported at the meeting;**
- (4) To confirm group representatives for the purposes of notifying substitute members for meetings as follows:**

Conservative Group

Councillor C. Whitbread (Leader)
Councillor S. Stavrou (Deputy Leader)
Councillor S. Kane
Councillor G. Waller

Green Party Group

Councillor S. Neville (Leader)
Councillor S. Heap (Deputy Leader)

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor J. M. Whitehouse (Leader)
Councillor J. H. Whitehouse (Deputy Leader)

Loughton Residents Association Group

Councillor C. P. Pond (Leader)
Councillor D. Wixley (Deputy Leader)

UKIP Group

Councillor D. Dorrell (Leader)
Councillor R. Butler (Deputy Leader)

- (5) That such group representatives confirm the member appointments to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees for 2016/17 to the Proper Officer, by 2 June 2016;**

- (6) To approve appointments to outside organisations carrying out Council regulatory or non-Cabinet functions, as set out at Appendix 4 to this report; and**
- (7) To receive appointments to be made by the Leader of the Council to outside organisations carrying out Executive functions.**
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1. (Chairman of the Panel - Councillor C Whitbread) The Appointments Panel met on 12 and 19 May 2016, to consider nominations made by political groups and un-affiliated members for appointments to a range of member positions and other associated matters.
2. The Panel noted that one nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council had been received, that being for Councillor D. Stallan. This nomination is dealt with elsewhere on the Council agenda.
3. In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, notice of the constitution of political groups has been received as set out in Appendix 1 to this report. At the time of the issue of this supplementary agenda, such completed notice had not been received from the Conservative Group.
4. The Panel was advised that proposals for the roles and responsibilities of the Cabinet remained unchanged for the coming year, although member appointments to certain Portfolio Holder positions have altered. The appointments made by the Leader of the Council, of Cabinet members and the membership of Cabinet Sub-Committees, are set out in Appendix 2 to this report.
5. The Panel have been able to bring forward some agreed nominations in respect of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels, which are set out at Appendix 3 to this report. However, we have not received all of the proposals of the Conservative Group for appointments to such Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels. All nominations remaining outstanding are highlighted in the schedule and will be reported at the meeting. Where the number of nominations exceeds the available places, the Council will be required to vote on appointments.
6. The attention of the Council is drawn to a proposal of the Panel that membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be extended to seventeen members for 2016/17, on a pro rata basis. This arrangement would provide for an additional seat on the Committee to be allocated to both the Conservative and the Loughton Residents Association Groups. In order to accommodate a request for independent member representation on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the next year, the Leader of the Loughton Residents Association Group has confirmed that the Group is willing to relinquish its additional seat arising from the extension of membership, in order that this position may be filled by Councillor S. Murray. The Panel recommends that this proposal should be accommodated by the Council for 2016/17. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to be appointed on a pro rata basis and any deviation would require no member of Council voting against it.
7. We are recommending that group representatives provide nominations for membership of the four Select Committees for 2016/17 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2016, which will make the formal appointments.

8. We have been able to agree some nominations to outside bodies carrying out Council regulatory or non-Cabinet functions as detailed in Appendix 4 to this report and ask the Council to confirm or, where necessary, vote on these appointments. However, we have not received the proposals of the Leader of the Council for appointments to outside organisations carrying out Executive functions, and these are therefore outstanding from the appendix.
9. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.