

Report to the Council

Committee: Appointments Panel

Date: 25 May 2017

Chairman: Councillor C Whitbread

Item: 7

Recommending:

(1) That, in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the constitution of political groups, be agreed (schedule of groups to follow);

(2) That details of appointments made by the Leader of the Council, of Cabinet members and Cabinet Sub-Committees carrying out Executive functions be received, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report;

(3) That the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels (non-Executive bodies) be approved as set out at Appendix 3 to this report, with any outstanding nominations reported at the meeting;

(4) That the group representatives for the purposes of notifying substitute members for meetings be confirmed as follows:

(a) **Conservative Group:**

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

(b) **Green Party Group:**

- Councillor S. Neville (Leader); and
- Councillor S. Heap (Deputy Leader);

(c) **Liberal Democrat Group:**

- Councillor J. M. Whitehouse (Leader); and
- Councillor J. H. Whitehouse (Deputy Leader); and

(d) **Loughton Residents Association Group:**

- Councillor C. P. Pond (Leader); and
- Councillor D. Wixley (Deputy Leader);

(5) That the member appointments to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees for 2017/18 be confirmed by the Group Representatives to the Proper Officer, by 24 May 2017;

(6) That the appointments to outside organisations carrying out Council regulatory or non-Cabinet functions be approved, as set out at Appendix 4 to this report; and

(7) That the appointments to be made by the Leader of the Council to outside organisations carrying out Executive functions, as set out at Appendix 5, be received.

1. (Chairman of the Panel - Councillor C Whitbread) The Appointments Panel met on 11 May 2017 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 R Bassett. 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, notices of the constitution of political groups received will be reported at the meeting by the Proper Officer.

4. The Panel was advised that proposals for the roles and responsibilities of the Cabinet had been amended for the coming year due to the nomination of a Portfolio Holder for vice-Chairman of Council. Consequently, the Leader of Council had taken this opportunity to reduce the number of Cabinet members by one and revise some of the responsibilities of the eight Portfolio Holders accordingly. The appointments made by the Leader of the Council, of Cabinet members and the membership of Cabinet Sub-Committees, are set out in Appendix 1 to this report, and the new Cabinet Portfolios responsibilities are shown at Appendix 2.

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. In 2016/17, membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been extended to seventeen members on a pro rata basis. This was to provide for an additional seat on the Committee to be allocated to both the Conservative and the Loughton Residents Association Groups, who subsequently allocated one of their seats to Councillor S Murray who is an independent member.

7. For 2017/18, the Panel felt that membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should revert back to 15 members. 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. Consequently, the Conservatives have been allocated 9 places, the LRA 3 places, with the Green Party, Liberal Democrat Party and Independents being given one place each.

8. The Panel are recommending that group representatives provide nominations for membership of the four Select Committees for 2017/18 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 6 June 2016, which will then make the formal appointments; these nominations should be received by the Proper Officer by 24 May 2017.

9. The Panel 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 request the Council to confirm or, where necessary, vote on these appointments. The proposals of the Leader of the Council for appointments to outside organisations carrying out Executive functions have also been confirmed and are attached at Appendix 5.

10. The Panel recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.