

# ***Report to the Council***

**Committee:** Appointments Panel

**Date:** 17 May 2022

**Chairman:** Cllr C Whitbread

**Subject:** Annual Council Appointments 2022/23

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## **Recommending:**

- (1) That, in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the constitution of the political groups be agreed as set out in Appendix 1;**
- (2) That details of appointments made by the Leader of the Council for Cabinet members and Cabinet Committees carrying out Executive functions as set out in Appendix 2 to this report be received;**
- (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 (Group Leader);
    - Councillor N. Bedford (Deputy Group Leader);
    - Councillor S. Kane; and
    - Councillor M. Sartin;
  - (b) Green Party Group:**
    - Councillor S. Heap (Group Leader); and
    - Councillor E. Gabbett (Deputy Group Leader);
  - (c) Liberal Democrat Group:**
    - Councillor J. M. Whitehouse (Group Leader); and
    - Councillor J. H. Whitehouse (Deputy Group Leader); and
  - (d) Loughton Residents Association Group:**
    - Councillor C. P. Pond (Group Leader); and
    - Councillor D. Wixley (Deputy Group Leader);
- (5) That the appointments of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees for 2022/23 be determined at the first municipal meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;**

- (6) That appointments to outside organisations carrying out Council regulatory or non-Cabinet functions, as set out at Appendix 4 to this report be approved; 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; and**
  - (8) That Mr Wyn Marshall be re-appointed as a non-voting, co-opted member of the Stronger Communities Select Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.**
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1. The Appointments Panel met on 17 May 2022 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, due to the Vice-Chairman of Council for 2021/22 not standing for re-election, there would be nominations for the roles of Chairman of Council as well as Vice-Chairman of Council. These nominations are dealt with elsewhere on the 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 have been attached at Appendix 1 of this report. Any further changes will be reported at the meeting by the Proper Officer.

4. The Panel was advised that proposals were being finalised for the revision of the roles and responsibilities of the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council for the 2022/23 municipal year. The appointments made by the Leader of Cabinet members and the membership of Cabinet Committees, are set out in Appendix 2 to this report, alongside the responsibilities of the Cabinet Portfolios for the coming year.

5. The Panel has 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. Any outstanding nominations 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 Panel proposed that membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should revert back to 15 members. In previous years, the membership of this Committee had been extended to 17 members to secure a seat for an un-affiliated Member; whereby the extension had provided an extra seat for both the Conservative and Loughton Resident Association Groups with the Loughton Residents Association Group relinquishing their additional seat to the un-affiliated Member. Following the pro rata allocation of seats on this Committee, there remained one unfilled seat and the Panel agreed that this could be allocated to the un-affiliated Member. Membership of the Committee is required to be appointed on a pro rata basis and if the membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is extended to 17 members then such deviation requires that no member of the Council vote against this arrangement.

7. The Panel recommends that Group representatives should provide nominations for membership of the three Select Committees for 2022/23, for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16 June 2022 which will then make formal appointments to each Select Committee. These nominations should be received by the Proper Officer by 1 June 2022.

8. The Panel have been able to consider 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 these appointments. Any 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 such appointments unless otherwise agreed.

9. The proposals of the Leader of the Council for appointments to outside organisations carrying out Executive functions are set out at Appendix 5 to this report.

10. The Panel considered the appointment of co-opted members to the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees for the next municipal year, in accordance with the protocol agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 28 January 2020. At its meeting on 25 February 2021, the Council appointed Mr. Wyn Marshall as a non-voting, co-opted member of the Stronger Communities Select Committee until the end of the 2021/22 municipal year. The Panel was of the opinion that Mr. Marshall should be re-appointed for the 2022/23 municipal year and has recommended that the Council approve this appointment.

11. The Panel recommends as set out at the commencement of this report.