

Report to the Council

Committee: Appointments Panel

Date: 22 May 2012

Chairman: Councillor C Whitbread

Item: 8

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 A to this report;

(2) To consider appointments in respect of Leader of the Council, and consequential appointments for Cabinet and Cabinet Subcommittees carrying out Executive functions as reported to the Panel set out at Appendix B to this report;

(3) To approve the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of Committees, Subcommittees and Panels (non-Executive bodies) as set out at Appendix C to this report subject to:

(a) The enlargement of the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from 11 to 15 members; and

(b) The alteration to the membership of the Committee for the Appointment of the Chief Executive to include Councillors S Stavrou and C Whitbread and the deletion of Councillor S Murray;

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

G Waller – Conservative Group

(5) That Group representatives confirm appointments to be made to Overview and Scrutiny Panels to the Proper Officer by 24 May 2012;

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

1. (Chairman of the Panel - Councillor C Whitbread) The Panel met on 11 and 15 May 2012 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 A).
2. The Panel was advised of proposals for the Cabinet and Cabinet Subcommittee memberships (Appendix B). There are also consequential proposals for the appointment to Outside Organisations that fall into the Executive category (Appendix D).
3. The Panel have been able to bring forward agreed nominations in respect of Committees, Subcommittees and Panels which are set out at Appendix C.
4. We are recommending two changes to the Committees for 2012/13. Firstly, we are recommending a change to the number of Councillors on the Committee for the Appointment of the Chief Executive given the wishes of the Conservative Group Leader and of the current Independent Member on that Panel. Secondly we are recommending increasing the number of members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in line with other major committees from 11 to 15 members.
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 in June which will make the formal appointments.
6. We have also been able to agree nominations to Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendix E. We are asking Council to confirm these appointments
7. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.