

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>General Purposes Committee</p> <p>Tuesday, 16 June 2020</p>	
<p>Report of: Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p>Committee and Member Appointments</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
Wards affected	(All Wards);

Special Circumstances Justifying Urgent Consideration

This item was placed on the agenda at the time of publication but the report was not included as it had not been confirmed at the time that it would be required. However, confirmation has now been received and so the report is presented.

The report cannot wait until the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee and the contents impact upon the work of the Council immediately and it would not be appropriate to wait several months for the next meeting to agree the changes.

Summary

A report presented at the Annual Council meeting traditionally seeks agreement for the appointment of Members to Committee and other positions.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Annual Council meeting has been postponed and Committee Chairs and Memberships have continued from the 2019/20 arrangements.

This report seeks the General Purposes Committee agreement for a small number of changes and appointments as set out in Appendix A.

Members at the meeting are also free to propose further changes and nominations.

Recommendations:

The General Purposes Committee is recommended to:

1. Note that Committee Chairs and Memberships and other appointments are carrying over from those agreed at the Annual Meeting in May 2019 (along with any subsequent changes agreed by the Monitoring Officer).
2. Agree the amendments and appointments set out in Appendix 1 below.
3. Note that in relation to any unfilled places within the seats allocated to a

particular political group, the Council note that the Corporate Director, Governance has delegated authority subsequently to agree the appointments to those places in accordance with nominations from the relevant political group.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint Councillors as Members to the various Committees listed in line with proportionality rules.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2019 the Council agreed the establishment of its Committee and Sub-Committee arrangements for the municipal year along with a number of related appointments such as those for Mayoral Advisors. It further agreed the proportionality requirements for committee memberships and then agreed to allocate Councillors to those positions as required.
- 3.2 Following the postponement of the May 2020 Annual Meeting the above arrangements remain in place.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 to this report sets out a number of proposed changes to committee and other memberships for agreement.
- 3.4 Where a request is for a change of Membership, the General Purposes Committee can agree this under its powers under the Terms of Reference. Any request to change the Chair of a Committee or to agree a mayoral advisor appointment, this requires the Committee to agree to use its emergency non-executive decision making powers as set out in its Terms of Reference on the basis that no Council meetings are currently scheduled and the decisions are required to be made before such a meeting is likely to take place.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 No implications arising from this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 No implications arising from this report.

6. **COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 There are no direct financial considerations arising from this report.

7. **COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 Members' are advised that under the executive arrangements of the Council, Full Council would usually consider the appointment of members to committees. However, as set out in the report, in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Annual Council meeting has been postponed and Committee Chairs and Memberships have continued from the 2019/20 arrangements. This postponement accords with Regulation 6 of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels(Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 which disapplies provisions requiring local authorities to hold annual meetings.

7.2 Part B, paragraph 9 (General Purpose Committee), sub- paragraph 16 of the Constitution provides the General Purposes Committee can consider and make non-material changes to the constitution *and in cases of emergency or extreme urgency, any non-executive function delegated under this constitution whether or not reserved to the council*. Further, Members' are advised that in relation to any unfilled places within the seats allocated to a particular group the Corporate Director of Governance has delegated authority subsequently to agree the appointments to those places in accordance with nominations from the relevant political group. Therefore, Members' have the authority to approve the Recommendations set out in this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Reports setting out Committee arrangements, proportionality and membership at the Annual Council meeting on 15 May 2019.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Requests for changes to current agreed memberships and appointments (information to be tabled)

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None