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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS – UPDATE REPORT

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Following the constitution of a new political group on the Council and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council is required to review the Committee Memberships on the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Council review the current Committee Memberships following the constitution of a new political group on the Council.
- 2.2 That the size and political composition for the following bodies that form the non-Executive Member level decision making structure of the Council be approved, subject to the rules of proportionality where appropriate for 100 Committee places where applicable (relevant Committees are identified thus*) –
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee* – 14 Members (11 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Member, 1 Conservative Member)
 - Community Select Committee* – 10 Members (7 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Reform UK Member)
 - Environment and Economy Select Committee* – 11 Members (8 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Reform UK Member)
 - Planning & Development Committee* – 14 Members (11 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Reform UK Member)
 - Licensing Committee – 14 Members (12 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Members)

- General Purposes Committee* – 14 Members (12 Labour Members, 2 Liberal Democrat Members)
- Appointments Committee* – 8 Members (7 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member)
- Standards Committee* – 8 Members (6 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member, 1 Conservative Member)
- Audit Committee* – 10 Members (7 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member, 1 Reform UK Member, 1 Conservative Member) + 1 Co-opted non-elected member
- Statement of Accounts Committee* – 8 Members (6 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member, 1 Reform UK Member)
- Joint Consultative Committee* – 3 Members (2 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member)

* Indicates where those bodies covered by the rules of proportionality for the purposes of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups), Regulations 1990 – total Committee places being 100

2.3 That the Memberships of the various Committees, as set out in Appendix A, be approved.

2.3 That Council note that the Leader of the Reform UK Group is Cllr Mason Humberstone and that the Deputy Leader of the Group is Cllr Rob Henry.

2.4 That Council note that the Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group will be Cllr Andy McGuinness with effect from 1 January 2026, and the Deputy Leader of the Group will be Cllr Stephen Booth.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15) requires Committees of the Council to reflect the political balance of the Council.

3.2 Following the constitution of a new political group on the Council and change in political balance, the Council is required to review the Committee Memberships on the Council.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTIONS AND OTHER OPTIONS

4.1 At the Annual Council meeting in May, Council considered various matters relating to the Member level decision making structure of the Council and the Council's Constitution for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

- 4.2 Following the constitution of a new political group on the Council and change in political balance, the Council is required to review the Committee Memberships on the Council and, accordingly, update the Memberships of those Committees. This report provides the details of the proposed political composition and Memberships of the respective Committees.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (LGHA) introduced a requirement that appointments to committees, sub-committees and other bodies achieve a political balance. The authority must conduct that review at or as soon as practicable after the annual meeting and at such times as may be prescribed by regulations.
- 5.2 The LGHA achieves this through the operation of s.15 in relation to the review, s.16 in respect of the effect of that review, s.17 in respect of exceptions and, as made under paragraph 3 of Schedule 1, the application of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (as amended).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Council's Constitution.

APPENDICES

Appendix A - Appointment of Committees/Panels of the Council