

## **COUNCIL**

**Monday 29 July 2024**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REVISION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the resignation of the Chair of Children, Young, Peoples and Education Committee and that notice has been received by the Monitoring Officer from the Leader of the Council proposing that Councillor Stephen Bennett be appointed as the new Chair of Children, Young, Peoples and Education Committee and that Cllr Brenda Hall be appointed as Chair of Pensions Committee in place of Cllr Bennett. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the constitution, Council is therefore requested to appoint a new Chair of Children, Young, Peoples and Education Committee for the remainder of the municipal year and make any further consequential appointments of Committee Chairs as may be appropriate.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

Council is recommended to agree:

- (1) the appointment of a Chair of Children, Families and Education Committee and any further consequential appointments of Committee Chairs as may be appropriate.
- (2) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised as proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Group Leaders in allocating Members to membership and substitute membership of any affected committees as a result of the change in Committee Chairs with effect from the date at which the proper officer is advised of the names of such Members.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 Council is charged with responsibility for appointing a relevant Chair of Children, Young, Peoples and Education Committee. The most recently appointed Chair of this committee has submitted their resignation and therefore a fresh appointment-needs to be made.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The Chair of Children Young Peoples and Education committee has resigned. It is therefore necessary for Council to consider the appointment of a member to be Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 3.3 It may also be necessary for Group Leaders to notify the Monitoring Officer of their wishes in allocating Members to membership and substitute membership of any affected committees as a result of the change in Committee Chair.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Part 2 Article 6 of the constitution provides for the Council to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to individual committees.
- 5.2 There is a legal requirement for the Council to appoint Members to its committees on a politically proportionately basis.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 There are no arising directly from this report.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint its Chairs and Vice-Chairs to Committees. It follows that in the event of the resignation of a Chair, the responsibility for the appointment of a new chair similarly rests with the Council.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION**

8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of Greenhouse Gases.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on Community Wealth.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Constitution

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Annual Council	22 May 2024