

# Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

**Council**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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Author: Director of Law and Democratic Services

Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 To note changes to Cabinet Membership and associated portfolios.
- 1.2 To approve changes to the Membership of the Council's Committees and Other Bodies in consequence to the changed Cabinet Membership and also the resignation of Councillor Nick Martin from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority.
- 1.3 The delivery of effective, accountable, and transparent decision making by the Council directly links to its overall policy and objectives.

## **2. Recommendations**

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the changes to the membership of the Council's Committees and Other Bodies as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- 2.2 Consider any further changes to the membership of the Council's Committees as may be tabled at the meeting by political party group leader(s) at the meeting.
- 2.3 Approve the appointment of Councillor Fionuala Foley as Chair of the Adults' Health, Adults' Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 Approve the appointment of Councillor Brian Mattock to serve as a Council representative on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 The Leader of the Council has advised that, as at 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, he intends to make changes to his Cabinet. Councillors Dale Heenan and Maureen Penny will become Cabinet Members, replacing Councillors Fionuala Foley and Garry Perkins.
- 3.2 Additionally, Councillor Nick Martin has advised that he has resigned his position as a Council representative on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority.
- 3.3 In consequence to the above changes to Cabinet membership and also the resignation of Councillor Nick Martin from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority, the Director of Law and Democratic Services has received a request from the Council's Conservative Group to amend its representation on the Committees and Other Bodies set out in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 of this report.

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- 3.4 The Conservative Group had requested that the following changes be made in respect of its Committee representation (previously approved at the meeting of the Annual Council held on 18th May 2018):
- a) Councillor Fionuala Foley to replace Councillor Maureen Penny as a representative serving on Planning Committee, Standards Committee, Scrutiny Committee, Adult's Health, Adults' Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
  - b) Councillor Garry Perkins to replace Councillor Dale Heenan as a representative serving on Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
  - c) Councillor Maureen Penny to replace Councillor Fionuala Foley as a representative serving on Special Committee.
  - d) Councillor Garry Perkins to replace Councillor Maureen Penny as a representative serving on Archaeological Advisory Board.
- 3.5 The Conservative Group has given the Director of Law and Democratic Services notification that revised nominations to the following Committees will be tabled at the Council meeting:
- a) Appeals Committee: Current representative: Councillor Maureen Penny.
  - b) Licensing Committee: Current representative: Councillor Maureen Penny;
  - c) Averages Task Group of the Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Maureen Penny;
- 3.6 The Conservative Group has also requested Council approve the following changes to representation on Outside Bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year:
- Arts Council England South West: Councillor Dale Heenan to replace Councillor Garry Perkins.
- Association of Public Sector Excellence: Councillor Maureen Penny to replace Councillor Fionuala Foley.
- Common Farm Solar CIC Directors: Councillor Garry Perkins to replace Councillor Dale Heenan.
- Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority: Councillor Brian Mattock to replace Councillor Nick Martin.
- Forward Swindon Ltd Board: Councillor Garry Perkins to replace Councillor Dale Heenan.
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Joint LEP Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Current representative: Councillor Maureen Penny.

Public Power Solutions Board: Councillor Garry Perkins to replace Councillor Dale Heenan.

South West Ambulance Service Foundation: Councillor Fionuala Foley to replace Councillor Maureen Penny.

- 3.7 Councillor Maureen Penny is the current chair of the Adults' Health, Adults' Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Council is therefore also requested to approve the appointment of Councillor Fionuala Foley as the new Chair of the Adults' Health, Adults' Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial procurement implications to this report. Any Councillor Basic Allowance arising from attendance at these meetings will be met from existing budgets

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report, which is required to be submitted to Special Committee, on behalf of Council, to ensure compliance with the Council's political balance provisions set out in the Local Government Act 1989.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no additional implications.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment is not required.

### Risk Management

- 5.5 A Risk Management Assessment is not required.

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## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Council's Report Writing Standard requires authors to consult appropriate Corporate Directors, Directors or Heads of Service, other officers and relevant partners on the purpose, content and recommendations of the report before it is presented for decision. The Director of Law and Democratic was consulted in producing this report.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 None

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 None