

Appointments to Committees

Special Committee

Date: 26 March 2009

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Wards / Parishes Affected: All

Purpose

- To appoint Members to serve on various Committees of Swindon Borough Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year.
- To appoint new chairs of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

Special Committee is recommended to:

- Approve the appointments to committees recommended in paragraphs 2.3.1 to 2.3.3.
- Approve the appointment of Councillor Justin Tomlinson as Chair of the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09, as set out in paragraph 2.3.4.
- Approve the appointment of Councillor Glenn Smith as Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09, as set out in paragraph 2.3.5.

1 Reasons

- 1.1 It is necessary under the provisions of the Council's Constitution (Article 4.02) for the Council or Special Committee to appoint members to serve on the Council's Committees for the Municipal year.

2 Detail

- 2.1 Councillor David Sammels has request that he be relieved from his duties as Chair and a member of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with effect from 26th March 2009. Councillor Glenn Smith has also intimated an intention to resign as Chair and a member of the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee with effect from 26th March 2009.
- 2.2 The Conservative Group has advised of its intention to revise its membership of these two Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to

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nominate to the positions of Committee Chair should they become vacant.

2.3 Assuming that the prospective vacancies arise on or before the 26th March 2009, Special Committee is therefore requested to:

2.3.1 Acknowledge the resignation of Councillor David Sammels as Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny committee and the resignation of Councillor Glenn Smith as Chair of the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.3.2 Substitute Councillor Glenn Smith for Councillor David Sammels as a member of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny committee.

2.3.3 Substitute Councillor Justin Tomlinson for Councillor Glenn Smith as a member of the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny committee.

2.3.4 Appoint Councillor Justin Tomlinson as chair of the Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny committee.

2.3.5 Appoint Councillor Glenn Smith as chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny committee.

Alternative Options

- No alternative options are proposed at this time.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- There are no financial or procurement implications.
- Certain Committee Chairs receive Special Responsibility Allowances. Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees currently receive an allowance of £3,673 (2008/09).

Legal/Human Rights Implications

- Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. The Council is required to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000 and associated Regulations and Statutory Instruments.

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Risk Management

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

- The delivery of effective, accountable and transparent decision-making by the Council directly links to those parts of the new Corporate Plan relating to the “Role of the Council” and “Transforming the Organisation”.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.

Background Papers

- None.