

## Report to Council



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| Date of Meeting         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019    |
| Portfolio               | Cabinet Member for Resources |
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### Council Appointments 2019/20

#### Executive Summary

1. The Council appoints to a number of Committees/Sub-Committees each year as part of its corporate governance arrangements in support of the democratic process and decision-making arrangements. Members who are appointed to these bodies will be expected to have received appropriate development/training to enable them to carry out their roles effectively on whichever body they serve.
  - 1.1 In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council has reviewed its political balance.
  - 1.2 Nominations are required to Committees discharge Council functions and the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.
  - 1.3 Nominations are required to serve on the Boards, Partner Organisations, Management Committees of Voluntary Organisations, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and other External Bodies for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.
  - 1.4 A delegation to the Leader of the Council is required to determine the Council's nominations to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority

#### Recommendation

2. That approval be given to the nominations to Committees as set out in appendix 1 of the report.
  - 2.1 That approval be given to the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of each Committee, as set out in appendix 1 of the report.
  - 2.2 That approval be given to the nominations to the other council bodies as set out in appendix 2 of the report.
  - 2.3 That approval be given to the nominations of Joint Committees as set out in

appendix 3 of the report.

- 2.4 That approval be given to the appointment of outside bodies, as set out at appendix 4 of the report.
- 2.5 That the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the relevant Group Leader, be authorised to make and confirm any amendments or additions in relation to the above appointments.
- 2.6 That approval be given to the appointments or nominations required to Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) bodies for the 2019/20 Municipal Year as set out in appendix 5 of the report.
- 2.7 That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the respective Group Leader where minority group appointments or nominations are required, be granted delegated authority to appoint or nominate to GMCA or AGMA bodies which may arise throughout the 2019/20 Municipal Year

### **Reason for Recommendation**

3. To ensure that the composition of the Council's committees reflects the political balance of the Council.
  - 3.1 To reflect the wishes of political groups and make allocations to non-grouped councillors in making appointments to committees in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
  - 3.2 It is a function of Council to appoint to the Boards, Partner Organisations, Management Committees of Voluntary Organisations and other External Bodies as detailed within appendix 2 of the report.
  - 3.3 The Council is required to nominate to various GMCA posts.

### **Key Points for Consideration**

4. For the purposes only of the allocation of seats to different political groups the following statutory principles apply:
  - 4.1 A political group must comprise at least six members;
    - All the seats are not allocated to the same political group;
    - The majority of the seats go to the political group with a majority on the full Council;
    - Subject to the above two principles, that the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary Committees of the Authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council;
    - Subject to the above principles, that the number of seats on each ordinary Committee of the Authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.

4.2 After applying the calculation, the political balance and associated Committee seats have been calculated as follows

- Labour are eligible for 58 seats.
- Conservative are eligible for 11 seats.
- Liberal Democrats are eligible for 5 seats

|                                    | Total Seats      | LAB    | CON    | LD    |       |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                                    | Overall %        | 78.33% | 15.00% | 6.67% |       |      |      |
|                                    |                  | 47     | 9      | 4     |       |      |      |
|                                    | Places Available |        |        |       |       |      |      |
| Total                              | 74               | 57.97  | 11.10  | 4.93  |       |      |      |
| Communities Regen and Env          | 11               | 8.62   | 8.00   | 1.65  | 2.00  | 0.73 | 1.00 |
| Corporate O&S                      | 11               | 8.62   | 9.00   | 1.65  | 1.00  | 0.73 | 1.00 |
| Health Schools and Care O&S        | 11               | 8.62   | 8.00   | 1.65  | 2.00  | 0.73 | 1.00 |
| Audit & Governance                 | 9                | 7.05   | 8.00   | 1.35  | 1.00  | 0.60 | 1.00 |
| Planning & Licensing               | 15               | 11.75  | 12.00  | 2.25  | 2.00  | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Charitable Trust Committee         | 5                | 3.92   | 4.00   | 0.75  | 1.00  | 0.33 | 0.00 |
| Chief Officer Employment Committee | 5                | 3.92   | 4.00   | 0.75  | 1.00  | 0.33 | 0.00 |
| Disputes Committee                 | 7                | 5.48   | 6.00   | 1.05  | 1.00  | 0.47 | 0.00 |
|                                    |                  | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    |                  | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
|                                    | 0                | 0.00   |        | 0.00  |       | 0.00 |      |
| Total Seats                        |                  | 57.97  | 58.00  | 11.10 | 11.00 | 4.93 | 5.00 |
|                                    |                  | 58.00  |        | 11.00 |       | 5.00 |      |

The regulations do not apply to Township Committees, where membership is based on electoral wards.

### **Alternatives considered**

There were no alternatives considered

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| <b>Costs and Budget Summary</b> |
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5. . The Members Allowance Scheme as approved by Council on 14 December 2016 identifies a number of special responsibility allowances as follows:

| Position  | Special Responsibility Allowance (£) | Total (£) |
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| Chairs (x3) of Overview and Scrutiny Committees | 8,155                                | 24,465    |
| Chair of Audit & Governance Committee           | 6,524                                | 6,524     |
| Chair of Planning & Licensing Committee         | 10,873                               | 10,873    |
| Chairs (x 5) of Township committees             | 8,155                                | 40,775    |

These allowances will be met from within existing budgets.

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| <b>Risk and Policy Implications</b> |
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6. Should Committees not be formally constituted, there is a risk to the legitimacy of the Council's decision making processes.

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| <b>Consultation</b> |
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7. The Group Leaders have been consulted in compiling the report.

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| <b>Background Papers</b> | <b>Place of Inspection</b> |
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| 8. There are no background papers | Not applicable |
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