

Appointments to Committees

Report of the Corporate Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

1. That Councillor Neil Gwynne be appointed to the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Richard Rowles.
2. The Councillor Martin Hatley be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. That Councillor Richard Rowles be appointed to the Northern Area Planning Committee.
4. That Councillor Alison Johnston be appointed to the Southern Area Planning Committee.
5. That Councillor Martin Hatley be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Southern Area Planning Committee.

SUMMARY:

- Following the resignation of Councillor Watts and the sad death of Councillor Finlay a number of vacancies have arisen on the Council's Committees.
- Council approval is sought for the appointment of Members to the Council's Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Watts and the death of Councillor Finlay, a number of vacancies have arisen on the Council's Committees. These vacancies are appointed to by Full Council.
- 1.2 Earlier in the year, the death of Councillor Anderdon and the vacancy which arose due to Councillor Farrer ceasing to be a Councillor in accordance with section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972, meant that the Council membership was 41. The vacancies resulting from this were dealt with at Council on 26 February 2020 and at Annual Council on 6 May 2020.
- 1.3 Taking into account the two recent vacancies as described at paragraph 1.1 above, the membership of Council is now 39. The political balance of the Council has changed and therefore changes are required to the membership of some of the ordinary committees of the Council in order to ensure that each of the committees reflect the overall political balance of the Council and vacancies are filled.

2 Background

- 2.1 Vacancies have arisen on four of the Council's Committees; the Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 26 June 2019, Council agreed that the membership of the Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee should reflect the representation of local Ward Members.
- 2.3 In order to reflect the current political balance of the Council across the other committees, it is necessary to make the following changes:
 - 2.3.1 The Andover Alliance representation on the Licensing Committee needs to be removed. This results in a vacancy on the Committee which is required to be filled by a Liberal Democrat Member.
 - 2.3.2 The need for an Andover Alliance representative on the Northern Area Planning Committee remains and therefore it is proposed that Councillor Rowles fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Watts.
 - 2.3.3 There is a need to appoint a Conservative Member to fill the vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
 - 2.3.4 There is a need to appoint a Conservative Member to fill the vacancy on the Southern Area Planning Committee.
 - 2.3.5 There is a need to appoint a Vice Chairman to the Southern Area Planning Committee as Councillor Finlay previously held this position.

3 Risk Management

- 3.1 A Risk Management questionnaire has been completed and indicates this report does not require a risk assessment because the changes/issues covered by this report are not significant in terms of risk or have previously been considered.

4 Resource Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource implications.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications. A resolution of full Council is required to effect the replacement appointments.

6 Equality Issues

- 6.1 None are identified.

7 Other Issues

- 7.1 Community Safety - None

- 7.2 Environmental Health Issues - None
- 7.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate - None
- 7.4 Property Issues - None
- 7.5 Wards/Communities Affected – All

8 Options and Options Appraisal

- 8.1 The options are to either make the replacement appointments or not. It is recommended that Council resolves to make the appointments to ensure the Committees in question retain a full membership.

9 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 9.1 It is recommended that Councillors are appointed to the vacancies on the Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee to allow the committees to have full membership and to operate in an effective manner.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and can be made public.			
No of Annexes:	None	File Ref:	N/A
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