

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

18 February 2014

Supplementary Report of Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMITTEES

To determine the political balance arrangements to be applied to the Council's committees, sub-committees, advisory boards and panels following the by-election for Borough Green and Long Mill and to approve consequent changes in membership.

1.1 Membership of Committees etc

1.1.1 Further to the initial report outlining political balance requirements, I have now been notified of the following proposed changes to committee etc membership:

Councillor Miss S Shrubsole to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of former Councillor Evans on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
Councillor M Taylor to replace Councillor A Sullivan on the Licensing and Appeals Committee;
Councillor S Jessel to fill the vacancy on the General Purposes Committee;
Councillor T Robins to fill the vacancy on the Audit Committee;
Councillor M Taylor to fill the vacancy on the Communities and Health Advisory Board;
Councillor M Taylor to replace Councillor T Robins on the Community Safety Advisory Board;
Councillor H Rogers to fill the vacancy on the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board;
Councillor M Taylor to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board;
Councillor M Taylor will also be a member of the Area 2 Planning Committee.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 The Council is required to review the composition of its committees in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (duty to allocate seats to political groups) and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

1.2.2 Presently, the Constitution does not permit a member to serve on both the Audit Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, there is no statutory prohibition on this arrangement so it is proposed to remove the prohibition contained within Part 3 of the Constitution.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Not applicable.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 RECOMMENDED that:

- 1) the composition of all committees, sub-committees, advisory boards and panels be approved in accordance with the table at paragraph 1.1.3 of the initial report;
- 2) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Council's constitution; and
- 3) the appointments set out at paragraph 1.1.1 above be approved.

Background papers:

Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The decision is an internal procedural matter for the Council.

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	As above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Not applicable.

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.