

Council

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Part 1 - Public

Matters for Decision



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Changes to Committee Appointments 2024/25

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

1.1 The Leader of the Borough Council is proposing a number of changes to the Conservative Group appointments to Committees, Scrutiny Select Committees, Panels and other Groups previously approved at Annual Council.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
2.2 In order for the Borough Council to conduct its business effectively formal appointments reflect the determined political balance arrangements (where required) and ensures that meetings support effective decision making.

3 Recommendations

3.1 That the changes to appointments to Committees, Scrutiny Select Committees, Panels and other Groups be approved, as set out in Annex 1.
3.2 That any consequential changes to the substitute appointments (if required) be approved, as set out in Annex 2.

4 Introduction and Background

4.1 Since the meeting of Annual Council in May 2024, the Leader has reviewed the Conservative Party appointments to a number of Committees, Scrutiny Select Committees, Panels and other Groups.
4.2 The changes are intended to ensure that meetings are effective and take advantage of Councillors experience and interests.

5 Proposal

- 5.1 The changes are detailed in Annex 1 which will be circulated in advance of the meeting.
- 5.2 Where required, the changes will reflect the political balance arrangements as approved by Annual Council.
- 5.3 If there are any consequential changes to the substitute appointments a revised list will be prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting as Annex 2.

6 Other Options

- 6.1 The Council may opt to make no changes to the appointments approved by Annual Council.
- 6.2 However, for the reason set out in 4.2 the preferred option is to make the changes recommended by the Leader.

7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 7.1 There are no financial and value for money considerations arising from these proposals as no changes are recommended to Members Allowances.

8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 There is no significant risk arising from these proposals. However, it is necessary that the Borough Council has properly constituted Committees which support the decision-making process.

9 Legal Implications

- 9.1 The matters raised in this report are considered to be routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals. There is a requirement for committees of the Borough Council to be politically balanced where required to be.

10 Consultation and Communications

- 10.1 No public consultation is required as appointments to committees of the Borough Council is the responsibility of Full Council.

11 Implementation

- 11.1 Changes to the membership of the committees set out in the report will become effective immediately if approved by Members.

12 Cross Cutting Issues

- 12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

12.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

12.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

12.2 Equalities and Diversity

12.2.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

12.3 Other If Relevant

- None

Background Papers	None
Annexes (to be circulated in advance of the meeting)	Annex 1 – Proposed changes Annex 2 – Consequential changes to substitutes (if required)