

Report to: **Special Council**
Date: **28 February 2017**
Title: **APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL BODIES**
Portfolio Area: **All**
Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision) **Immediately following this meeting.**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES, with immediate effect and for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year, that:

- **Cllr N Jory be appointed to serve on the Hub Committee; and**
- **Cllr J Yelland be appointed to serve on the Planning and Licensing Committee.**

1. Executive summary

1.1 Following the sad and sudden recent passing of Cllr Mike Benson, there are now Conservative Group Member vacancies on the Hub and Planning and Licensing Committees.

2. Background

Governance Arrangements

- 2.1 In line with the Council's Governance arrangements, Members will be aware that each Member of the Council has to serve on either the Hub Committee or one of the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees;

As a consequence, if confirmed by the Council, the nominated Member to serve on the Hub Committee (Cllr N Jory) will no longer be able to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny (External) Committee;

Planning and Licensing Committee

- 2.3 It is a requirement for Planning and Licensing Committee Members to have received 'appropriate' training before they are then able to serve on the Committee. The nominated Member (Cllr J Yelland) is already a Substitute Committee Member, who has received sufficient training and has already served on the Committee in a substitute capacity.

3. Options available and consideration of risk

- 3.1 Whilst the Council could opt to retain these vacancies on the Hub and Planning and Licensing Committees until the Annual Council meeting in May 2017, it is felt, on balance, that replacements should be appointed to provide greater resilience to these Council Bodies.

4. Implications

Legal/Governance		The Council Constitution currently requires all Members to serve on either the Hub Committee or either one of the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
Financial		There are no additional financial implications directly related to this report
Risk		There are no additional risks directly related to this report.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		There are no equality and diversity implications directly related to this report.
Safeguarding		There are no safeguarding implications directly related to this report.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		There are no community safety or crime and disorder implications directly related to this report.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing		There are no health, safety and wellbeing implications directly related to this report.
Other implications		N/A

Supporting Information

Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Council Constitution

Political Balance Provisions (as at 27 February 2017)