

Report to: **Council**

Date: **8 December 2020**

Title: **APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL BODIES AND OTHER GROUPS**

Portfolio Area: **Council**

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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Recommendations:

That the Council RESOLVES that, with immediate effect and for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year:

- 1. Cllr J Spettigue be added to the list of Development Management & Licensing Committee Substitute Members for the West Devon Alliance Group;**
- 2. Cllr L Wood replace Cllr R Musgrave as a Member of the Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group;**
- 3. Cllr R Cheadle replace Cllr R Musgrave as a Member of the Political Structures Working Group; and**
- 4. Cllr M Ewings replace Cllr R Musgrave as a Member of the Waste Working Group.**

1. Executive summary

1.1 For personal reasons, Cllr Musgrave has indicated a wish to step down as a Member from the following Working Groups:

- The Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group;
- The Political Structures Working Group; and
- The Waste Working Group.

1.2 This report seeks to appoint replacements to each of these Groups with immediate effect and for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year;

1.3 At the same time, Cllr Cheadle (in his capacity as Group Leader) has requested that the pool of West Devon Alliance Group Substitute Members who can serve on the Development Management and Licensing Committee be increased.

2. Background

2.1 Since appointments to Member Working Groups are not subject to political balance provisions, both Group Leaders (Cllrs Jory and Cheadle) have been invited to submit their nominations;

2.2 Whilst there have been no nominations forthcoming from Cllr Jory, Cllr Cheadle has put forward:

- Cllr Wood to serve on the Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group;
- Cllr Cheadle to serve on the Political Structures Working Group; and
- Cllr Ewings to serve on the Waste Working Group.

2.3 In addition, Cllr Cheadle has also nominated Cllr Spettigue to be added to the list of appointed Development Management and Licensing Committee Substitute Members.

2.4 Officers can confirm that Cllr Spettigue has attended the necessary training events to ensure that he can serve on the Development Management and Licensing Committee.

3. Options available and consideration of risk

3.1 Increasing the pool of Development Management and Licensing Committee Substitute Members will provide for added resilience to the Committee; and

3.2 A delay on making this decision will result in the Council being under represented on these three Working Groups until the matter of Council appointments (to both formal and informal Member Groups) is due to

be fully re-considered at the next Annual Council meeting to be held on 25 May 2021.

4. Implications

Legal/Governance		It is a function of Full Council to make appointments to Council Bodies and Other Groups.
Financial		There are no additional financial implications directly related to this report
Risk		The risk implications are set out at Section 3.
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.
Climate Change & Biodiversity		There are no Climate Change & Biodiversity implications directly related to this report.
Other implications		N/A

Supporting Information

Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Council Constitution

Annual Council Summons and Minutes – 21 May 2019 Meeting.