

Report to: Council



Date of Meeting 20th October 2021

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Changes to Councillor appointments

Report summary:

To seek Council's endorsement to some changes to committee appointments and appointments to panels, forums and joint bodies following recent resignations and following interviews to fill vacancies on Housing Review Board.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

Council recommend that:

1. Cllr Bonetta be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Overview Committee.
2. Cllr Hookway be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee
3. Cllr Millar be appointed to the Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee.
4. Cllr Pook be appointed to replace Susie Bond on the Member Development Working Group.
5. That the makeup of the LED Monitoring Forum be revised to remove the Member Champion for Sports and Leisure, the number of councillor appointees be increased from four to five and Cllr Millar be appointed as the fifth appointee.
6. Sue Saunders and Stephen Beer be appointed as Tenant / Leaseholder Representatives on the Housing Review Board.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the Council's governance arrangements are up to date.

Officer: Henry Gordon Lennox, Monitoring Officer

Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information N/A

Link to [Statement of Intent](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better Homes and Communities for all
 - Greener East Devon
 - A resilient Economy
 - Services that matter
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Report in full

1. Following the resignation of Fabian King, Councillor Jamie Kemp was elected as the representative of the Exe Valley Ward. Changes to the committee allocations were made under delegated authority to appoint councillors to the positions left vacant by Fabian King given that the political balance and committee seat allocations were unaffected by the result. In that regard, Cllr Bonetta was appointed to the Overview Committee and Cllr Kemp was appointed to the Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committee.
 2. However, two Vice Chair positions became vacant and there is no delegated authority in place to permit replacements to be appointed. The Democratic Alliance Group wish to recommend the appointment of Cllr Bonetta to be Vice Chair of the Overview Committee and Cllr Hookway to be the Vice Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee.
 3. In addition, there are two other positions that require Council's consideration. Firstly, the position on the Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee where Cllr Millar is nominated to replace Fabian King. Secondly, the position on the Member Development Working Group where Susie Bond needs to be replaced. The Independents will need to nominate a councillor to replace Susie Bond and this nomination will be notified to Council at the meeting.
 4. The Administration wishes to revise the makeup of the LED Monitoring Forum. This is a Council function. The wish is to remove the Member Champion for Sports and Leisure and increase the number of councillor appointees from four to five. The fifth position would be given to Cllr Millar. This means that the representation across the panels, groups and joint bodies is still reflective of the political balance as far as reasonably practicable.
 5. As was reported to the Annual Council meeting in May, the Housing Review Board had a vacancy in one of the Tenant / Leaseholder Representative positions. In addition Christine Morrison has since resigned from the position. Accordingly interviews have been held and it is recommend that the Council appoint Sue Saunders and Stephen Beer as Tenant / Leaseholder Representatives.
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Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implications from the recommendations.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications requiring comment.