

Finance Sub-Committee

Date of Meeting:	19 th January 2023
Report Title:	Appointments to Working Groups
Report of:	Director of Finance and Customer Services / Director of Governance and Compliance
Report Reference No:	N/A
Ward(s) Affected:	N/A

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to approve changes to the membership of two working groups recently appointed by the Sub-Committee.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee has recently appointed two working groups to review, respectively, the governance arrangements of the Council's wholly-owned companies, and the business plans and performance of those companies.
- 2.2 The individual members of the working groups were appointed by the Sub-Committee. For reasons given later in the report, it is now necessary for the Sub-Committee to approve changes to the membership of the working groups.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Sub-Committee is recommended to approve two appointments to each of the following working groups:

ASDV Governance Review Working Group

Shareholder Working Group

and to appoint a Chair to each Group.

- 3.2. The Sub-Committee may also wish to resolve that if future vacancies occur on either working group during the time that it remains active, the relevant political group may appoint a replacement.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1. To enable the working groups to continue to function with a full complement of elected members.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1. Not applicable

6. Background

- 6.1. On 7th September 2022, the Sub-Committee appointed the ASDV Governance Review Working Group to undertake a review of the governance arrangements relating to the Council's wholly-owned companies. The Working Group comprises five elected members and two officers representing Finance and Legal Services. The five named elected members appointed to the Working Group by the Sub-Committee were:

Cllr David Brown

Cllr Steve Carter

Cllr Sally Handley

Cllr Sarah Pochin

Cllr Lesley Smetham

Cllr Carter was appointed Chair of the Working Group.

- 6.2. The Working Group has met on three occasions so far and will report back to the Sub-Committee at its March meeting.
- 6.3. On 9th November 2022, the Sub-Committee appointed the Shareholder Working Group to review the business plans and related performance reports of Ansa and Orbitas. The Working Group was to comprise the same Chair and members as were appointed to the ASDV Governance Review Working Group on 7th September.
- 6.4. The Working Group is expected to meet for the first time shortly with a view to reporting back to the Sub-Committee at its March meeting.
- 6.5. Councillor Carter sadly passed away in December, leaving a vacancy on both working groups. The Labour Group has nominated Councillor Sam Corcoran to fill the vacancy on both working groups. Councillor Corcoran has also taken the place left by Councillor Carter on the Sub-Committee.
- 6.6. Councillor Pochin was appointed to the ASDV Governance Review Working Group when a member of the Independent Group. She automatically became a member of the Shareholder Working Group as a result of the Sub-Committee's decision on 9th November that the membership of both

working groups should be the same. However, as Councillor Pochin is no longer a member of the Independent Group, that Group has nominated Councillor David Jefferay to replace her on both working groups. Councillor Pochin has been informed of this by the Independent Group.

- 6.7. It falls to the Sub-Committee to approve both changes to the membership of the working groups. In doing so, the Sub-Committee may wish to resolve that any future such changes may be made by the relevant political group by written notice to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.
- 6.8. Councillor Carter was also the Chair of both working groups. The Sub-Committee therefore needs to appoint a new Chair for each working group. The terms of reference of the working groups provide that the Chair shall be appointed by the Finance Sub-Committee from the membership of the Sub-Committee.

7. Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1. N/A

8. Implications

8.1. Legal

- 8.1.1. There are no specific legal implications.

8.2. Finance

- 8.2.1. There are no financial implications.

8.3. Policy

- 8.3.1. There are no policy implications.

8.4. Equality

- 8.4.1. There are no equality implications.

8.5. Human Resources

- 8.5.1. There are no specific human resource implications.

8.6. Risk Management

- 8.6.1. There are no specific risks associated with this proposal.

8.7. Rural Communities

- 8.7.1. There are no implications for rural communities.

8.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children

- 8.8.1. There are no implications for young people or cared for children.

8.9. Public Health

- 8.9.1. There are no public health implications.

8.10. Climate Change

8.10.1. There are no specific implications for climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None