

Council

Date of Meeting:	22 February 2023
Report Title:	Appointment of Vice-Chair
Report of:	Director of Governance and Compliance
Ward(s) Affected:	Not applicable

1.1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Constitution states in Chapter 3, Part 1 that one of the functions of full Council is to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of committees.

2.2 This report asks Council to appoint a new Vice-Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That Councillor Brian Puddicombe be appointed Vice-Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee.

4. Reason for Recommendation

4.1 To fill the vacancy of Vice-Chair on the Finance Sub-Committee.

5 Other Options Considered

5.1 Whilst Council could decide that it does not wish to appoint to this office of vice-chair, this would leave the committee without any identified member being empowered to preside at meetings, should the chair not be present to do so.

6 Background

- 6.1 The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council's committees and sub-committees are appointed each year at the Annual Council Meeting in accordance with the relevant numerical allocations made by Council.
- 6.2 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of chair or vice-chair during the year, the relevant Group Leader or Group Administrator shall nominate a replacement. It is then for Council to approve the appointment.
- 6.3 A vacancy of Vice-Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee has arisen following the recent death of Councillor Steve Carter.
- 6.4 In accordance with the allocations to chairs and vice-chairs agreed by Council, it falls to the Labour Group to nominate a replacement. The Labour Group has nominated Councillor Brian Puddicombe to be the new Vice-Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee.

7 Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

- 7.1.1 Whilst the Annual Meeting of the Council determines the allocation of chairs and vice-chairs of committees, it may reconsider such allocations during the municipal year when group memberships change or a vacancy occurs.

7.2 Finance Implications

- 7.2.1 Some of the Council's chairs and vice-chairs attract a Special Responsibility Allowance, in accordance with the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

7.3 Policy Implications

- 7.3.1 There are no direct implications for policy.

7.4 Equality Implications

- 7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

- 7.5.1 There are no direct implications for Human Resources.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

- 7.6.1 Failure to comply with the requirements of the Constitution might leave the Council open to legal challenge and might leave a committee without a vice-chair.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

Access to Information	
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Background Papers:	The Council's Constitution (available on the Council's website).