

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Report to Council

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**Date of Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Report of:** Borough Solicitor

**Title:** **Appointment of Members to Committees**

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### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To determine the memberships of the Council's decision-making bodies and the appointment of those bodies.

### **2.0 Decision Required**

- 2.1 That the nominations made by the Group Leaders to the bodies listed in Appendix 2 of the previous agenda item, be appointed.
- 2.2 That the existing powers of the Appeals Committee are transferred to the Audit and Governance Committee and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make appropriate constitutional changes as she deems appropriate.

### **3.0 Legal Implications**

- 3.1 The previous report on the agenda dealt with the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, in respect of the political group representation on the authority's committees.
- 3.2 The Annual Meeting of Council appoints the Council's decision-making and other bodies and their memberships.
- 3.3 The 1990 Regulations require political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Group's nominations to the bodies in question.

### **4.0 Risk Assessment**

- 4.1 Failure to comply with the Act and Regulations would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

### **5.0 Appointments to Committees Under the Council's Political Structure for the Municipal Year 2011/12**

- 5.1 Council at its Annual meeting is required to appoint its decision-making and other bodies, together with their memberships.

- 5.2 The 1990 Regulations require political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Group's nominations to the bodies in question. The Political Groups have therefore been invited to submit their nominations and a schedule of the proposed memberships will be published as soon as possible before the meeting.
- 5.3 Council should note the following:
- 5.3.1 The Licensing Sub-Committees will be appointed by the Licensing Committee when required, as provided for by the Constitution.
- 5.3.2 The Council is required to appoint six Members to the Wirral Joint Scrutiny Committee and to nominate six reserve Members. This is the current practice with the existing constituent authorities.
- 5.3.3 It is proposed that the existing powers of the Appeals Committee are transferred to the Audit and Governance Committee.

## **6.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 6.1 To determine memberships of the Council's decision-making and other bodies and their appointment.

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