

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 16th May 2012

Report of: Borough Solicitor

Title: **Appointment of Members to Committees**

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To review the memberships of the Council's decision-making bodies.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 That the nominations made by the Group Leaders to the bodies listed in Appendix 1 of the previous agenda item, be noted.

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 is responsible for approving the Council's decision-making structures and the number of seats to be allocated on each body.
- 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 2012/13

- 5.1 The Annual Meeting of Council is responsible for approving the Council's decision-making structures and the number of seats to be allocated on each body.
- 5.2 The 1990 Regulations require political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Group's nominations or any changes to their nominations to the bodies in question. The Political Groups have therefore been invited to review their nominations. If possible a schedule of the proposed memberships will be published before the meeting or alternatively the nominations will be circulated at the meeting

6.0 Reasons for Recommendations

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

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