

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:	15 th May 2013
Report of:	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
Subject/Title:	Appointments to Policy Development Groups

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report invites Council to approve appointments to Policy Development Groups which do not fall within the definition of “a Committee”.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 Council is asked to approve appointments to Policy Development Groups.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 These bodies carry out important work to advise Cabinet and appointments are needed to ensure that the Council works effectively.

4.0 Background and Options

- 4.1 At the meeting of the Council held on 13th December 2012 six Policy Development Groups were established which would play a central role in the Council's decision-making processes. The groups would actively involve backbench Members on a cross-party basis, giving them a key role in the formulation of policy. They would operate closely with both scrutiny committees and the Cabinet, both being informed by and informing the work of those bodies. The groups would hold some meetings in private, particularly in the initial stages, but would also meet regularly in public to ensure open accountability for their decisions.
- 4.2 Council resolved that the size of each Group would be 5 Conservative members, 2 Labour and 1 Independent with the Lib Dem group able to nominate 2 members to any Groups of their choice.
- 4.3 The proposed nominations will be submitted to the meeting.

5.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

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