

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 October 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Appointments of Members to Committees

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

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

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the nominations made by the Group Leaders to the bodies listed in Appendix 1 be approved.

### **3.0 Reason for Recommendations**

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

### **4.0 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Council is responsible for approving the Council's decision-making structures and the number of seats to be allocated on each body.
- 4.3 The 1990 Regulations require political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Group's nominations to the bodies in question.

### **5.0 Risk Assessment**

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

### **6.0 Amendments to Appointments to Committees under the Council's Political Structure for the Municipal Year 2014/15**

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

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 On 10 September 2014, the Proper Officer received a notice in accordance with Regulation 8 of the 1990 regulations from two Members of the Council indicating that they wished to be treated as a political group. Following the delivery of such a notice to the proper officer in accordance with the regulations, the Council is required, as soon as practicable, to review the allocation of committee places. The Political Groups have therefore been invited to review their nominations. A schedule of the proposed memberships is included in this report at appendix 1

## **7.0 Access to Information**

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

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