

Council

Date of Meeting:	19 October 2022
Report Title:	Appointment of Vice Chairs
Report of:	David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1.1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To allocate Vice-Chairs of the Council's committees.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Constitution states in Chapter 3 Part 2 that one of the functions of full Council is to appoint the Chair and Vice Chairs of Committees.
- 2.2 This report will enable Council to appoint Vice Chairs of Committees, should the need to do so, arising from the allocation of committee places which was addressed in the report to Council on political proportionalities: the previous agenda item.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the offices of Vice Chair be allocated.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To allocate the Vice Chairs of the Council's committees.

5 Other Options Considered

- 5.1 Whilst Council could decide that it does not wish to allocate the offices of Vice Chairs to Committees, this would leave those Committees without any identified Member being empowered to preside at meetings, should the Chair not be present to do so. This would be contrary to the constitutional presumption that this function will be discharged by Council.

6 Background

- 6.1 Whilst Chairs and Vice Chairs are allocated to committees at each Council Annual General Meeting, Council is occasionally required to consider doing so during a municipal year when, for example, the membership of a political group changes.
- 6.2 The last agenda item addressed the change of group membership of a member of Council and the consequent need for the Council's changed political proportionalities to be agreed.
- 6.3 In circumstances where a member of the Council's group status changes, and where that member holds the office of chair or vice chair of a committee, Council may determine whether the allocation of such office should also change.
- 6.4 This report will enable Council to determine how it wishes to allocate the vice chairs of the Environment and Communities and Southern Planning Committees, which were allocated to the member whose political group membership has changed.

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 a municipal year, when group membership changes.

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:	None