

Report for: Strategic Planning Committee

Title: Updated Planning Sub Committee Membership

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 At the Extraordinary full Council meeting on the 13th of November 2023, a report on changes to the political composition of the council was considered. This was following the establishment of a second opposition group and consideration of the political balance and impact on 'ordinary committees of the council. The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 in terms of political balance when appointing 'Ordinary' Committees – that is, committees appointed under section 102(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972. Subsequently, in keeping as closely with the principles of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 it was resolved that Cllr Lotte Collett replace Cllr O'Donovan on Strategic Planning Committee. As set out in Appendix 1 of the report to Council and also the strategic Planning Committee Protocol agreed at Council on 18th March 2021, the Membership of the Planning Sub-Committee shall be the same as the Strategic Planning Committee
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to note the appointment of Councillor Collett as a member of the Planning Sub Committee and to also note that she has received the required training to allow her to participate in this Sub Committee.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

Strategic Planning Committee are asked to:

- i) Note the appointment of Councillor Lotte Collett to the Planning Sub Committee

4. Reasons for decision

As set out above.

5. Alternative options considered

As set out above.

6. Background information

6.1 As set out above

7. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

The Chief Finance Officer confirms that there are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Head of Legal and Governance

The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted and approves the content of this report.

Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

The Council has a public sector equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to need to:

- tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- foster good relations between people who those characteristics and people who do not.

An initial screening of the proposals in this report has been completed and the proposals carry no implications for any aspect of the duty outlined above.

8. Use of Appendices

None

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 The following papers were used in the preparation of this report:

(i) The Council's Constitution