



## Annual Council Meeting on 19 May 2008

**Report title: PROCEDURE FOR AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS**

**Report of: The Chief Executive**

Report for: Decision

### **1 Purpose**

To approve the appointments procedure and to appoint Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs and once agreed to make such appointments. Each of the recommendations below will be voted on separately.

This report sets out proposed appointments to the Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs for 2008/09.

### **2 Recommendations**

1. That the process for appointing to the Committees, Sub Committees and Chairs be approved on the "slate" basis prescribed.
2. That the membership of Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs be agreed as attached at Appendix 1.

**Report authorised by:** Chief Executive

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Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services

### **3 Chief Financial Officer Comments.**

The Chief Financial Officer has read this report and has no specific comments to make.

#### **4 Head of legal Services Comments.**

**4.1** The legal and constitutional implications are set out in the body of the report.

#### **5 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

1. The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report and can be inspected at River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, London, N22 8HQ by contacting Ken Pryor on 020 8489 2915.

- The report to Council on 21 May 2007.
- Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- Local Government Act 2000.

#### **6. Background**

6.1 The Annual Meeting appoints Committees of the Council. Wherever possible bodies have been constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in terms of political balance. Labour Councillors constitute 54.39% of the available seats on the Council; the Liberal Democrats occupy the remaining 45.61% of the seats. Where practicable the allocation of seats on Committees should be in line with the proportion of seats on the Council held by the political groups.

6.2 In calculating the allocation of seats on Committees, the following bodies were excluded:

- the Cabinet and its subordinate bodies
- the disciplinary pool
- Licensing Committee
- the Standards Committee and
- other Committees where membership is determined on the basis of electoral ward represented (eg. Area Assemblies)

On this basis a total of 63 seats were available on Committees and Sub-Committees, 34 or 53.97% were allocated to the Labour Group and 29 or 46.03% to the Liberal Democrat Group. In view of the volume of appointments to be made it is expedient to approve the appointments on a "slate" basis rather than on an individual basis.

6.3 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

6.4 The proposed appointments to Committees and Sub Committees and appointments of Chairs are as detailed in the attached Appendix.

6.5 Members might wish to note that there are no changes to the Committee structure as approved by the Annual Meeting in May 2007.

**7. Financial Implications**

All positions attracting a special responsibility allowance are listed in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

**8. Legal Implications**

The Annual Meeting of the Council is required to appoint Committees and subordinate bodies for the ensuing Municipal Year.