

Report for: Regulatory Committee

Title: Revised Planning Sub Committee Membership

Report authorised by: Michael Kay, Democratic Services Manager

Lead Officer: Felicity Foley, Principal Committee Co-ordinator

Ward(s) affected: N/A

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

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The Regulatory Committee agreed at its meeting on 22 May 2017 the membership of the Planning Sub Committee. Councillor Peter Mitchell has been appointed to the Cabinet and a vacancy has arisen on the Planning Sub Committee.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

Regulatory Committee are asked to:

- i) Approve the appointment of Councillor Joanna Christophides to the Planning Sub Committee; and
- ii) Note the appointment of Councillor Joanna Christophides to the Regulatory Committee, as taken by the Mayor.

4. Reasons for decision

N/A

5. Alternative options considered

N/A

6. Background information

6.1 Councillor Peter Mitchell has been appointed to the Cabinet as the Cabinet Member for Environment, which has resulted in a vacancy on both the Planning Sub Committee and Regulatory Committee.

- 6.2 The membership of the Planning Sub-Committee must be constituted in accordance 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. The proportionality split is as follows: Labour Councillors (49 Members) now constitute 85.96% of the available seats on the Council and Liberal Democrats Councillors (8 Members) occupy 14.04%. 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. The rule about proportionate allocation of seats on bodies overall takes precedence over the rule about proportionate allocation on any individual body.
- 6.3 Due to the timing of the meetings it has not been possible to appoint a replacement to the Regulatory Committee at a Full Council meeting as would be the usual practice. The Mayor has therefore taken the decision to appoint Councillor Joanna Christophides to the Regulatory Committee (see attached Appendix A), in accordance with Part 3 Section E, Section I – Scheme of Delegation section 5, of the Council’s Constitution.
- 6.3 It is proposed that Councillor Joanna Christophides shall be appointed to the Planning Sub Committee.

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.

Comments of Assistant Director of Corporate 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

8.1 Appendix A – Record of Mayor’s urgent action

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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

(i) The Council’s Constitution