

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Purpose

- 1.1 Several changes have been made to the appointments to committees and outside bodies agreed at the Annual General Meeting under delegated powers reserved to the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive. This report seeks to update Council on those changes as required by the Council Constitution.
- 1.2 The report also seeks to alter the names of the Council's Scrutiny Review Boards to better align with the Cabinet portfolios announced by the Leader of the Council in May 2023.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the alterations to the constitutional appointments agreed under the Monitoring Officer's delegated authority since the Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2023.
- 2.2 To note the urgent decision of the Chief Executive, following consultation with political group leaders, to appoint Councillor Shiraz Khan to the Derby Housing Market Area Joint Advisory Board in place of Councillor Jerry Pearce.
- 2.3 To agree changes to the names of the Council's five Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards, as detailed at paragraph 4.7 of the report.

Reasons

- 3.1 The Council Constitution requires that such matters are reported to Council.
- 3.2 The Monitoring Officer holds a standing delegation to give effect to the wishes of the political groups in relation to appointments to relevant bodies. Provided that appointments remain within the previously agreed political allocation, individual appointments may be changed on the instruction of Group Leaders without further recourse to the Full Council.
- 3.3 The Chief Executive holds delegated authority to make urgent non-executive decisions on behalf of the Council. An urgent decision was required to allow the Joint Advisory Board to meet as scheduled on 4 July 2023.
- 3.4 To provide clarity on the remit of individual Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards and better align scrutiny activity across the Council.

Supporting information

4.1 **Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Since the Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2023 the following changes have been made to the appointments to the Council's boards and committees, as well as nominations to outside bodies:

- Councillor Amin has replaced Councillor Repton on the Executive Scrutiny Board
- Councillor Repton has replaced Councillor Amin on the Audit and Governance Committee
- Councillor Pattison has replaced Councillor Pearce on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board
- Councillor Pearce has replaced Councillor Pattison on the Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board
- Councillor Eyre has replaced Councillor J Wright as the substitute constituent member of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.

4.2 As part of the appointments to outside bodies made at the Annual General Meeting, Councillor Jerry Pearce was elected as the Council's nomination to the Derby Housing Market Area Joint Advisory Board (JAB). Since notifying the Board of the proposed appointment, Democratic Services have been informed that the Terms of Reference for the JAB require the appointment to be a Cabinet Member.

4.3 The appointment to the JAB is expected to advocate the Council's position on the development of a joint strategy that will underpin levels and locations of housing growth both within and on the edge of Derby, directly informing the Council's Local Plan. It was therefore recommended that Councillor Shiraz Khan be appointed, as the Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning and housing strategy.

4.4 The first meeting of the JAB was scheduled for 4 July 2023 and the quorum required representatives from Derby City, Derbyshire County, Amber Valley Borough and South Derbyshire District Councils to be present. An urgent non-executive decision was needed to appoint Cllr S Khan ahead of the meeting. Group Leaders were consulted on 21 June 2023 and the Chief Executive approved the decision on 28 June 2023.

4.5 **Proposed changes to Overview and Scrutiny**

Following the announcement of the Council Cabinet at the Annual General Meeting, the Leader of the Council has requested that the names of the Council's five Scrutiny Review Boards are amended to better correlate with the themes and services covered by the corresponding Cabinet Member portfolios.

4.6 A working document has been produced aligning Cabinet Portfolios with the Council's corporate structure, as well as themes and programmes contained within the Council Plan, that has been provided to O&S members via work-programming meetings.

4.7 The following nomenclature is proposed to provide greater clarity on the role and remit of each Board and avoid duplication of scrutiny activity:

- The Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board is recommended to become the **Corporate Services and Cost of Living Scrutiny Review Board**, scrutinising the portfolios of the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Cabinet Member for Cost of Living, Equalities and Customer Inclusion.
- The Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board is recommended to become the **Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Review Board**, scrutinising the portfolios of the Cabinet Member for City Centre, Regeneration, Culture and Tourism and the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainability.
- The **Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board** will remain unchanged, scrutinising the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Care and Health.
- The Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board is recommended to become the **Children, Young People and Skills Scrutiny Review Board**, scrutinising the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills.
- The Communities Scrutiny Review Board will become the **Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Review Board**, scrutinising the portfolios of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Streetpride.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Any changes to constitutional appointments under the Monitoring Officer's delegated powers are made on the instruction of Group Leaders.
- 5.2 Political Group Leaders were consulted on the urgent non-executive decision proposed by the Chief Executive on 21 June 2023. No objections to the recommendation were received.
- 5.3 Overview and Scrutiny Chairs were consulted by the Head of Democracy on the proposed names of the Boards on 2 June 2023. No objections or alternatives to the proposed nomenclature were received.

Other options

- 6.1 To delay appointments until the meeting of Council scheduled for 19 July 2023. This was not considered expedient to the work of the committees and outside bodies to which the appointments relate.
- 6.2 To make no changes to the Scrutiny Review Boards until the recommendations of the ongoing Constitutional Review have been presented to Council for consideration.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None directly arising.

Legal implications

8.1 None directly arising.

Climate implications

9.1 None directly arising

Socio-Economic implications

10.1 None directly arising

Other significant implications

11.1 Failure to ensure appropriate representation on outside bodies may affect the Council's ability to influence decision making and achieve its broader objectives.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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