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**Report to : Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 23 October 2014**

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**Subject: Changes to Committee Appointments and consequent  
Resignation of Vice Convenor of Planning Committee**

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**Report by: Governance Manager**

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### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. This report results from the intimation from Councillor Graham Watt of intended changes to representatives of the Main Opposition Group on two Standing Committees and the consequent resignation of Councillor Watt as Vice Convenor of Planning Committee and Local Review Body. The Main Opposition Group wishes to appoint Councillor Martin as a member of the Planning Committee in place of Councillor Watt and Councillor Watt as a member of Resources and Audit Committee in place of Councillor Martin. Should this proposed change be accepted by Council, Councillor Watt requires to resign as Vice-Convenor of Planning Committee and the Local Review Body.
- 1.2. The proposed changes will require to be moved, seconded and agreed at the Council meeting.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. In the event of Councillor Watt ceasing to be a member of Planning Committee, it is recommended that the Council appoints a member of Planning Committee to be the Vice Convenor of the Committee and the Local Review Body.

### **3.0 Background and Consideration**

- 3.1. On 17 May 2012 at its first statutory meeting, the Council agreed the approach to be adopted to achieve political balance on Standing Committees. The changes proposed by the main Opposition Group maintain that political balance. This approach was further applied at the meeting of Council on 1 June 2012 following changes to the Standing Committee structure put in place by the adoption of the Decision Making Framework
- 3.2. The appointment of Members to Standing Committees is a matter for the Council under Standing Orders 1.7 and 3.4. Accordingly this report to Council is necessary to enable the changes in Committee members which the main

Opposition Group desires to make to its representation on Planning and Resources and Audit Committees to be given effect.

3.3. Councillors Watt and Martin have confirmed that they will simultaneously resign from the Planning Committee and Resources and Audit Committee respectively in the event of Council agreeing their respective appointments to Resources and Audit Committee and Planning Committee

3.4. If this change is given effect, Councillor Watt can no longer be Vice Convenor of the Planning Committee and the Local Review Body. Council is invited to appoint a member of Planning Committee to be its Vice Convenor

#### 4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. There are no sustainability implications for the Council.

#### 5.0 Resource Implications

##### 5.1. *Financial Details*

There are no new financial implications for the Council arising from the recommendations of this report.

##### 5.2. *Staffing*

There are no staffing implications resulting from this report.

#### 6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence



(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

None

**8.0 Equalities Impact**

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

**9.0 Legality**

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

**10.0 Appendices**

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

**11.0 Background Papers**

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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