

**Report of Principal Governance Officer****Report to the Head of Democratic Services****Date: 13 May 2021****Subject: Appointments to Committees, Boards and Panels during the period between the Local Elections and the Annual Council Meeting**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. To approve appointments to vacancies on Committees, Boards and Panels to be held during the period between the Local Elections (7<sup>th</sup> May 2021) and the Annual Council Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> May 2021), in consultation with the relevant Political Lead within each Group, in order to ensure that meetings held during that period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

**Recommendations**

2. That the Head of Democratic Services approve the appointments referred to in paragraph 3.2 of this report, which will last for the period leading up to the Annual Council meeting.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To approve appointments to vacancies on Committees, Boards and Panels held during the period between the Local Elections and the Annual Council Meeting, in consultation with the relevant Political Lead within each Group, in order to ensure that meetings held during that period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The City Solicitor's Officer Delegation Scheme authorises her to appoint to vacancies on Committees, Boards and Panels held during the period between the Local Elections and the Annual Council Meeting, in consultation with the relevant Group Whips, in order to ensure that meetings held during that period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.
- 2.2 The City Solicitor has sub-delegated this responsibility to the Head of Democratic Services.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Following the Local Elections held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 several vacancies have arisen on a number of Committees, Boards and Panels which are scheduled to meet during the period between those Elections and the Annual Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- 3.2 In order to ensure that those meetings can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels, and following consultation with the relevant Political Lead within each Group, it is proposed that the following Councillor be appointed for the duration of the period leading up to the Annual Council meeting:-

- **Councillor D Ragan to replace Councillor P Gruen on City Plans Panel.**

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The nominations for the appointments have been identified in consultation with the relevant Political Lead within each Group via Group Managers.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 There are no specific implications regarding equality, diversity, cohesion and integration arising from this report.

### **4.3 Council policies and Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 Fully operational and quorate Committee, Board and Panel meetings are in line with the Council's Policies and the priorities of the Best Council Plan.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 There are no specific implications regarding resources and value for money arising from this report.

#### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 This is a Significant Operational Decision and is not subject to call in.
- 4.5.2 The City Solicitor has sub-delegated this responsibility to the Head of Democratic Services.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 Making these appointments to the Committees, Boards and Panels will ensure that those meetings scheduled to be held between the Local Elections and the Annual Council Meeting can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

### **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the appointments referred to in paragraph 3.2 of this report be made in order to ensure that those meetings can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Head of Democratic Services approve the appointments referred to in paragraph 3.2 of this report, which will last for the period leading up to the Annual Council meeting.

### **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.