

# Appointments to Committees, Boards and Panels during the period between the Local Elections and the Annual Council Meeting

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Report of: Principal Governance Officer

Report to: Head of Democratic Services & Deputy Head of Democratic Services

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

## What is this report about?

### Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- To approve appointments to vacancies on the Council's committees, boards and panels during the period between the Local Elections (5 May 2022) and the Annual Council Meeting (26 May 2022), in consultation with the relevant Political Group Whip(s), in order to ensure that meetings held during this period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

## Recommendations

That, further to consultation with the relevant Group Whip(s) and in line with the City Solicitor's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Democratic Services / Deputy Head of Democratic Services approve the following appointments, which will last for the period leading up to the Annual Council meeting:

- **Councillor P Harrand be appointed to replace Councillor J Taylor on General Purposes Committee; and**
- **Councillor B Anderson be appointed to replace Councillor G Latty on City Plans Panel.**

### Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 In line with the City Solicitor's delegated authority, a decision to appoint to vacancies on the Council's committees, boards and panels during the period between the Local Elections (5 May 2022) and the Annual Council Meeting (26 May 2022) will ensure that those meetings scheduled to be held during that time can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels. Such appointments will last for the period leading up to the Annual Council meeting.

### What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: N/A

Have ward members been consulted?  Yes  No

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 2 Political Group Whips have been consulted, as appropriate.

### What are the resource implications?

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

### What are the legal implications?

- 4 The delegated decision relating to this report is not subject to Call In, as it falls within the City Solicitor's Council (non-executive) delegated authority. It is therefore a 'Council Function'.

The City Solicitor has sub-delegated this responsibility to the Head of Democratic Services and the Deputy Head of Democratic Services.

### What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 5 Making such 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.

### Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth  Health and Wellbeing  Climate Emergency

- 6 Although the above Key Pillars are not relevant to the decision being proposed, fully operational and quorate Committee, Board and Panel meetings are in line with the Council's policies and the priorities.

## **Options, timescales and measuring success**

### **What other options were considered?**

- 7 An alternative option would be to not appoint to such vacancies, however, in pursuing this option would present the risk of Committee, Board and Panel meetings taking place during this period which did not have adequate and appropriate membership levels.

### **How will success be measured?**

- 8 Ensuring the delivery of fully operational and quorate Committee, Board and Panel meetings during this period would be the measure of success for this decision.

### **What is the timetable for implementation?**

- 9 This decision, once taken would be implemented with immediate effect.

### **Appendices**

- 10 None

### **Background papers**

- 11 None