

Report of Director of Chief Democratic and Central Services Officer

Report to Full Council

Date: 12th September 2012

Subject: Appointments to New Planning Committees

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

- Further the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee relating to the establishment of new arrangements for Plans Panels, this report seeks full Council's approval to the appointment of Members to those committees and to the appointment of Committee Chairs.

Recommendations

- Full Council is asked to;
 - appoint Members to the Plans Panels as per Appendix 1 to this report
 - appoint Chairs to the Plans Panels as per Appendix 2 of this report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Further the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee relating to the establishment of new arrangements for Plans Panels, this report seeks full Council's approval to the appointment of Members to those committees and to the appointment of Committee Chairs.

2 Background information

- 2.1 At the Annual Council meeting Member appointments were made to three plans panels covering the East, West and City Centre of Leeds.
- 2.2 General Purposes Committee has made recommendations to full Council to change those arrangements and, should those proposals be approved, it will be necessary to formally appointment Members to the new plans panels and also appoint Chairs to them.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Planning Committees are 'Ordinary Committees' and as such are subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 relating to proportionality. Additionally the Council's Constitution, at Article 8 contains provisions relating to the numbers of members that may be appointed to Plans Panel.
- 3.2 Given the important role of the Strategic Plans Panel, General Purposes Committee considered it appropriate for all political groups to have representation; to facilitate this, General Purposes Committee recommended to full Council that Article 8 be amended to dis-apply the membership restriction (set at between 7 and 11 members) to the Strategic Panel.
- 3.3 These recommendations were considered earlier on the Council agenda today and these proposals have been made on the assumption that Council has approved those changes.
- 3.4 At Appendix 1 to the report a schedule is presented outlining the apportionment of group appointments to each of the new Plans Panels and the names of the Members Council are asked to appoint.
- 3.5 At Appendix 2 to the report a schedule is presented detailing the Chairs of each of the Panel, again Council is asked to make those appointments.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 All political groups have been consulted on the proposals in this report.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This report raises no issues relating to Equality and Diversity.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The report raises no specific issues relating to Council Policies or the attainment of City Priorities.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 There are no resource or value for money implications arising from this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Full Council must ensure that Members are appointed to committees in accordance with legislative requirements.

4.5.2 The report is open and has no implications regarding Access to Information. The report also concerns Council functions and as such the Call In requirements are not applicable.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Ensuring that Members are appointed in accordance with statutory requirements will mitigate any risk of future legal challenge on this point.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Full Council is asked to;

- appoint Members to the Plans Panels as per Appendix 1 to this report
- appoint Chairs to the Plans Panels as per Appendix 2 of this report

6 Background documents

6.1 None

Schedule of Member Appointments to New Plans Panels¹

North and East Plans Panel				
Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	MBI	Green
7 Places	Two Places	One Place	One Place	
Members to be Appointed				
D Congreve	Whip nominee	Whip nominee	Whip nominee	
R Grahame	Whip nominee			
M Harland				
C Macniven				
A McKenna				
E Taylor				
Whip nominee				
South and West Plans Panel				
Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	MBI	Green
7 Places	Two Places	One Place	One Place	
Members to be Appointed				
J Harper	Whip nominee	Whip nominee	R Finnigan	
J Akhtar	Whip nominee			
C Gruen				
J Hardy				
C Towler				
P Truswell				
J Walker				
City Plans Panel				
Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	MBI	Green
8 Places	Two Places	One Place	One Place	One Place
Members to be Appointed				
N Taggart	Whip nominee	Whip nominee	T Leadley	D Blackburn
P Gruen	Whip nominee			
S Hamilton				
J McKenna				
E Nash				
N Walshaw				
Whip nominee				
Whip nominee				

¹ The Director of Resources in consultation with Group Whips , to appoint to 'whips nominees' and alter appointments during the period between this meeting and the next ordinary meeting of Council.

Appointment of Chairs to the New Plans Panels

North and East Plans Panel - Cllr D Congreve

South and West Plans Panel - Cllr J Harper

City Plans Panel - Cllr N Taggart