



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

to
ANNUAL COUNCIL
15 MAY 2025

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON WORKING GROUPS OF THE COUNCIL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To appoint Members to serve on Working Groups of the Council for the Municipal year to May 2026

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Members approve the nominations for the Working Groups provided by the respective Political Groups (**APPENDIX 1**);
- (ii) That where nominations are not approved, Members appoint to these Working Group vacancies;
- (iii) That working group terms of reference are updated as per the details and member seat numbers highlighted in section 3.2 of the report.
- (iv) That a new Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Working Group is established and the Terms of Reference attached at **APPENDIX 2** adopted;
- (v) That the Terms of Reference for the new Leisure Contract Board at **APPENDIX 3** are adopted.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 A list of proposed nominations has been received from the respective Political Groups in respect of the Council's Working Groups and these are detailed in **APPENDIX 1** to this report.
- 3.2 An annual housekeeping review of the working groups has taken place with senior officers as part of the process, as a result the following changes are recommended this year
- Air Quality Management (Market Hill) Member Officer Working Group is closed, with the activity now reporting under the Member and Officer Net Zero Working Group, and this Group is now increased in size to eight members.
 - Strategic Asset Group number updated to ten members, as has the Finance Member Group.
 - Strategic Housing Board (Housing and Homelessness reference Group) increased from six to nine member appointments. It is also suggested that a

review of the Terms of Reference of the Group takes place and reports back to the Council in the coming months.

- Levelling Up Delivery Board has been closed, as no longer required.
- A new Working Group Leisure Contract Board established to replace Leisure Contract Task and Finish Group.
- A new Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Group is established.

3.3 Additional Working Groups that are specific to a Committee will be dealt with at the first meeting of that Committee.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The report provides a list of Member Working Group appointments for approval for the Municipal Year to May 2026

5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025 - 2028

5.1 Working group activity will help inform areas of Corporate plan delivery.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Some Working Group activity links to customers.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – Working Group activity helps to bring forward informed reports and reduces operational risks
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Some Working Group activity links to Council finances.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on Devolution / Local Government Reorganisation** – New working group established to support member input on Devolution / Local Government Reorganisation.

Background Papers: None.

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