



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

to
ANNUAL COUNCIL
14 MAY 2026

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 2027.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Members approve the nominations for the Working Groups provided by the respective Political Groups (**APPENDIX 1**);
- (ii) That where there are vacancies to Working Groups, Members appoint to these.

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:
- The Hythe Quay Desilting Task and Finish Group to be closed as the works have been completed.
 - The Member and Officer Net Zero Working Group to be renamed the Environmental and Sustainability Working Group to reflect the wider focus of the working Group.
 - Strategic Asset Group to be renamed Strategic Asset Working Group to confirm this is a Working Group.
 - Strategic Housing Board to be renamed Strategic Housing Working Group to confirm this is a Working Group.
- 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 and **APPENDIX 1** provides a list of Member Working Group appointments for approval for the Municipal Year to May 2027

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** – Working Group has been established to support member input on Devolution / Local Government Reorganisation.

Background Papers: None.

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