

# ASSEMBLY

20 May 2015

<b>Title:</b> Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2015/16	
<b>Report of the Chief Executive</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary:</b>  The Assembly is responsible for appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies. There are various positions to which appointments are required, as set out in <b>Appendix 1</b> .  The appointment of the Mayor and the Mayor's Chaplain will be dealt with at the Ceremonial Council on 5 June 2015.	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>  The Assembly is recommended to agree appointments to the vacant positions shown in Appendix 1 and to any other casual vacancies that may have arisen.	
<b>Reason(s)</b>  To meet statutory and constitutional requirements and to ensure relevant positions are appointed to.	

## 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Constitution sets out the Assembly's responsibilities in respect of appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies.

- 1.2 The appointments meet statutory and constitutional requirements and ensure the Council is able to proceed with the business reserved to the committees.

## **2. Proposal and Issues**

- 2.1 Following last year's Local Elections, fresh appointments were made to all of the Council's committees and outside bodies. Many of those appointments are reviewed on an annual basis and the schedule at **Appendix 1** shows those appointments that are required to be made at this year's Annual Assembly meeting.
- 2.2 There are no proposed changes to the main political meeting structure or the membership levels of the respective committees that make up that structure.
- 2.2 The nomination process in respect of the vacant posts is dealt with through party groups and it is anticipated that the nominations will be reported at the meeting. There may also be additional changes other those shown in **Appendix 1** stemming from casual vacancies that arise from the annual process.

## **3. Options Appraisal**

- 3.1 Any delay in reappointing Members to the various meetings and other bodies puts the normal decision making process and business of the Council at risk.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with Members and officers as appropriate.

## **5. Financial Implications**

Implications completed by: Carl Tomlinson, Finance Group Manager

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. This concerns the annual appointment of elected Members to existing Boards and Committees and is funded through existing budgets.

## **6. Legal Implications**

Implications completed by: Paul Field, Senior Corporate Governance Lawyer

- 6.1 The Assembly is a meeting of full Council for the purposes of Section 8 and Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972. This meeting of the Assembly is the annual meeting where the Council decides on the overall political structure and makes the necessary appointments
- 6.2 Part 2 of the Council's Constitution sets out the membership requirements and terms of reference for the various Council committees. The appointments in this

report meet statutory and constitutional requirements and ensure the Council is able to proceed with the business reserved to each committee.

**Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:** None

**List of appendices:**

**Appendix 1:** Positions To Be Appointed To 2015/16