

# ASSEMBLY

18 May 2016

<b>Title:</b> Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2016/17	
<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.  The appointment of the Mayor will be dealt with at the Ceremonial Council on 20 May 2016.	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>  The Assembly is recommended to agree appointments to the vacant positions 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 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.

## **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 (the Articles) 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**