

ASSEMBLY

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Title: Development Control Board Membership	
Report of the Chief Executive	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>This report advises on a proposed change to the membership of the Development Control Board and consequential changes to the Council Constitution.</p> <p>Under the current provisions of the Constitution the membership of the Board is 18 with a quorum of five members. Although not expressly required by the Constitution, the membership has typically been based on one member per ward plus the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for regeneration. The current membership, as confirmed at the Annual Assembly in May, has one vacancy on the Board relating to the Heath ward.</p> <p>The recent changes agreed by the Leader to Cabinet portfolios means that planning and regeneration issues are now shared between the Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Development (Cllr Geddes) and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Investment (Cllr Twomey). Consequently it is necessary to reflect this change on the Board's membership. It has also been proposed by the Labour Group to distinguish both as ex-officio voting members of the Board in their capacities as the relevant portfolio holders rather than members in their own right, so that any future changes to portfolios can be implemented immediately without reference to Assembly.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>The Assembly is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Agree to increase the voting membership of the Development Control Board to 19 members, two of whom shall be ex-officio members by virtue of their portfolio responsibilities, namely the Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Development and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Investment, and(ii) Note that the Monitoring Officer shall make the necessary amendments to the Articles of the Development Control Board (Chapter 9, Part 2 of the Council Constitution).	

Reason(s)

This report sets out proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution to allow for changes to be made to the membership of the Development Control Board as set out in the body of the report.

1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Kathy Freeman

- 1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Dr. Paul Feild Senior Governance Solicitor

- 2.1 Any significant changes to the Constitution other than minor administrative ones or to reflect changes in the law need to be agreed by Assembly. The Assembly is specifically responsible for making appointments to committees.
- 2.2 Following approval by Assembly, the Council's Constitution will need to be updated by the Monitoring Officer.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Council's Constitution (<http://moderngov.barking-dagenham.gov.uk/ielistmeetings.aspx?CId=626&Year=0&Info=1>).