ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Title: Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2019/20

Report of the Chief Executive

Open Report For Decision

Wards Affected: None Key Decision: No

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Summary

The Assembly is responsible for appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies, except those reserved to the Leader and/or Cabinet Members.

Appendix 1 to this report shows the proposed appointments for the 2019/20 municipal year relating to Council committees and other internal and outside bodies which are the responsibility of the Assembly. Appendix 2 shows the appointments made by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members to other internal and outside bodies.

The appointment of the Mayor will be dealt with at the Ceremonial Council on 17 May 2019.

Recommendation(s)

The Assembly is recommended to:

- (i) Approve the appointments to various Council committees and other internal and outside bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) Note the appointments made by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members to various internal and external bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

Reason(s)

To meet the 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.
- 1.3 The nomination process for the various positions to which appointments are required for the municipal year 2019/20 is dealt with through party groups.

2. Proposal and Issues

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the provisional schedule of nominations from the Labour Group for the 2019/20 municipal year in respect of appointments which the Assembly has responsibility for appointing to. These appointments relate to main Council committees and other internal and outside body meetings
- 2.2 Appendix 2 shows the appointments made to other internal and external bodies which are the responsibility of the Leader and/or Cabinet Members.
- 2.3 Any changes / additions to the information contained in the appendices 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: Katherine Heffernan, Group Manager, Service Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. This concerns the annual appointment of elected Members to Boards and Committees. Where an appointment carries an allowance the financial impact of this is set out in another report to this meeting.

6. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Paul Feild, 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.

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

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 - Nominations to main Council committees other internal and outside body meetings 2019/20

Appendix 2 - Appointments made to other internal and external bodies by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members