

# ASSEMBLY

21 July 2021

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| <b>Title:</b> Appointment of Chair of the Assembly and other Appointments  |   |
| <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><br><p>By Minute 6(i) of the Annual Assembly on 27 April 2021, Councillor Elizabeth Kangethe was reappointed as Chair of the Assembly for the 2021/22 municipal year. Cllr Kangethe was subsequently approached by the Leader of the Council to join the Cabinet, as the Cabinet Member and Champion for Disabled People, and took up that post with effect from 22 June 2021. At the same time, Cllr Kangethe stood down as Chair of the Assembly.</p> <p>In view of the vacant position of Chair of the Assembly, the Chief Executive will call for nominations to fill the vacancy, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Part 2, Chapter 3 of the Council Constitution.</p> <p>At the meeting on 27 April, the Chief Executive was also authorised to approve the appointment of the new Thames ward councillor to any vacant positions on Council committees (Minute 6(ii) refers). Ms. Fatuma Nalule, Labour Party candidate, was elected at the by-election held on 6 May 2021 and Councillor Nalule subsequently indicated that she would like to join the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chief Executive confirmed Cllr Nalule's appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee effective from 9 June 2021.</p> <p>At the time of writing this report, vacancies exist on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audit and Standards Committee (1)</li><li>• Licensing and Regulatory Committee (1)</li><li>• JNC Panels (pool of 6 non-Cabinet Members) (1)</li></ul> |   |
| <b>Recommendation(s)</b><br><p>The Assembly is recommended to:</p> <p>(i) Note the appointment by the Leader of the Council of Councillor Kangethe as Cabinet Member and Champion for Disabled People on 22 June 2021 and Councillor Kangethe's resignation as Chair of the Assembly on that date;</p>   |   |

- (ii) Approve the appointment of a new Chair of the Assembly for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year;
- (iii) Note Councillor Nalule's appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with effect from 9 June 2021; and
- (iv) Approve the appointment of councillors to fill vacant positions on Council committees as appropriate.

**Reason(s)**

To meet the statutory and constitutional requirements and to ensure relevant positions are appointed to.

**1. Financial Implications**

Implications completed by Katherine Heffernan, Head of Service Finance

- 1.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. The Members' Allowances budget for 2021/22 is £987,000 and is sufficient to meet all projected costs during the year.

**2. Legal Implications**

Implications completed by Dr Paul Feild, Senior Governance Lawyer

- 2.1 The Assembly is a meeting of full Council for the purposes of Section 8 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2.2 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:** None