

## THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

16 MAY 2007

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

This report is submitted under Agenda Item 8. The Chair will be asked to decide if it can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency in order for appropriate appointments to be made to the Council's political structure and other bodies.

<b>Title: Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2007 / 2008</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Assembly is responsible for appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies. The appointment of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Mayor's Chaplain will be dealt with at the Ceremonial Council on 18 May 2007.</p> <p>There are no proposed changes to the arrangements that were agreed for 2006/07 with the exception of the position of substitute members on the Licensing and Regulatory Board. The Assembly agreed the establishment of the Licensing and Regulatory Board on 1 December 2004, with a membership of 10. On 2 February 2005 the Assembly extended the membership to include two substitute members who would deputise in the event that a meeting was or became inquorate (the quorum for the Licensing and Regulatory Board is three Members).</p> <p>In normal circumstances the Council does not appoint substitute members to any of its committees but it was felt appropriate to do so for the Licensing and Regulatory Board as a safeguard in view of the strict time limits in which applications must be determined (if an application is not determined within the time limits the application is deemed to be approved by default).</p> <p>The Licensing and Regulatory Board has now been operating for two years and a review of the position has shown that on no occasion has it been necessary for a substitute member to stand in at any meeting. Therefore it is proposed that the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Board is brought into line with the rest of the Council's meetings and substitute members no longer be appointed.</p> <p><b>Wards Affected:</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>Implications:</b></p> <p><b>Financial:</b> None</p> <p><b>Legal:</b> Appointments to the Council's political structure are made under the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government Act 2000.</p>	

**Risk Management:** Any delay in reappointing Members to the various meetings and other bodies' puts at risk the normal decision making process and business of the Council.

**Social Inclusion and Diversity:** None

**Crime and Disorder:** None

**Recommendations:**

The Assembly is asked to:

1. Elect the Leader of the Council, who shall be the Chair of the Executive;
2. Elect the Deputy Leader of the Council, who shall be the Deputy Chair of the Executive;
3. That substitute members no longer be appointed to the Licensing and Regulatory Board;
4. Agree the membership of the various Council meetings contained in Appendix A;
5. Agree the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs (Appendix B);
6. Agree the appointment of statutory Co-opted Members (Appendix C);
7. Agree the appointment of representatives on various internal and external bodies (Appendix D); and
8. Agree the appointment of Trustees of Local Charities (Appendix E).

**Reason:**

To ensure appropriate representation on internal and external meetings and other bodies.

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- John Dawe, Democratic Services Group Manager
- Clive Vallis, Business Link Officer, Environmental and Enforcement Services

**Background papers used in the preparation of this report:**

- Council Constitution
- Assembly 1 December 2004, Minute 69
- Assembly 2 February 2005, Minute 82