

Cheltenham Borough Council Council

Committee appointments following Warden Hill bi-election

Accountable member	Cabinet Member Corporate Services, Councillor Jon Walklett
Accountable officer	Chief Executive, Andrew North
Ward(s) affected	All
Significant Decision	No
Executive summary	<p>Since the resignation of Councillor Teakle (Lib Dem) in March 2013 there has been a vacancy on the Council and on the committees and the working groups where Councillor Teakle was a member. Following the election of Councillor Ryder (Conservative) at the bi-election on 2 May there has been a slight change to the political balance of the Council from 25 Lib Dems, 11 Conservatives and 4 PABS to 24,12,4 respectively.</p> <p>This impacts on the following committees/groups appointed by Council where the Conservatives are entitled to gain one member whilst the Lib Dems should lose one.</p> <p>Appointments and Remuneration Committee - 9 members Was (2 Con, 6 Lib Dem, 1 PAB) and is now (3 Con, 5 Lib Dem and 1 PAB)</p> <p>Treasury Management Panel - 9 members Was (2 Con, 6 Lib Dem, 1 PAB) and to be exactly politically balanced it would be (3,5,1). The requirement is for this panel to be cross party rather than exactly politically balanced so members may want to leave this panel as it stands.</p> <p>There are also Lib Dem vacancies on the following committees/groups;</p> <p>O&S Committee - 1 member vacancy</p> <p>Appeals Committee - 1 member vacancy and a chair vacancy</p> <p>Appointments Committee - 1 substitute vacancy</p> <p>Joint Planning and Liaison Group - 1 member vacancy</p> <p>The chairs and vice-chairs for all committees were elected at Selection Council on 14 May 2012 and so on that basis any changes should be agreed by Council.</p> <p>Regarding outside bodies, Cllr Teakle was the representative on the Brizen Young People's Centre so this is a vacancy. The process is for Group Leaders to make a nomination and if there is Group Leader agreement this can be agreed by Cabinet.</p> <p>The Group Leaders were advised of the position on 7 May 2013 and their nominations are set out in the table below.</p>

Committee/ working group	Lib Dem	Conservative	Council decision required
Appointments and Remuneration Committee	Cllr Wheeler to step down and become a substitute	Cllr Garnham to join the committee (was a substitute)	Council to agree new committee composition and appointments
Treasury Management Panel	Cllr Barnes will stand down if required	No nomination	No action required
Overview and Scrutiny	Cllr Stewart to join the committee	No change	Council to note
Appeals Committee	Cllr Thornton to join the committee	No change	Council to note Council to appoint a new chair
Planning Committee	Cllr Walklett standing down and becoming as a reserve and will be replaced by Cllr Sudbury	Cllr Fletcher to stand down as vice chair and be replaced by Cllr Hall	Council to note new Lib Dem appointment and appoint new vice-chair.
Joint Planning and Liaison Group	Cllr Wheeler nominated		No action from Council as scrutiny task groups are not appointed by Council

Recommendations

We therefore recommend that Council approve:

Amendments to the membership of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Appeals Committee and Planning Committee as set out in the table

Councillor Hall to be appointed as vice-chair of Planning Committee to replace Councillor Fletcher

A Councillor be appointed to chair the Appeals Committee from the membership listed in Appendix 1

Financial implications	No financial implications
Legal implications	None Contact officer: Sara Freckleton, Borough Solicitor sara.freckleton@teWKesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	None
Key risks	None
Corporate and community plan Implications	None

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Appendices	1. Current membership of the Appeals Committee
Background information	1. Minutes of Selection Council 14 May 2012

Appendix 1

Proposed membership of the Appeals Committee

Chairman to be appointed from:

Councillor Hall
Councillor McCloskey
Councillor Sudbury
Councillor Thornton
Councillor Godwin
Councillor Harman (sub)