

# **Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 31 October 2017**



**Subject:** Overview & Scrutiny Select Committees - Membership 2017/18

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

- (1) That the Committee make appointment to the vacancies on the Resources Select Committee and the Governance Select Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year, arising from the appointment of Councillor S. Kane as the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder; and**
- (2) That, also as a result of the appointment of Councillor S. Kane as the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder, the Committee make appointment to the position of the Chairman of the Resources Select Committee for the remainder of the municipal year (and, if necessary, the Vice-Chairman of the Select Committee).**

## **Report**

1. (Director of Governance) Following the death of Councillor G. Waller earlier in the year, Councillor S. Kane has been appointed by the Leader of the Council as the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year.
2. Prior to his appointment as the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Kane was a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Council's Constitution provides (Article 6, Paragraph 5) that members of the Executive may not be members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and, at its meeting on 26 September 2017, the Council appointed Councillor J Lea to the vacancy on the Committee arising from the appointment of Councillor Kane as the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder.
3. Appointments to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the select committees are reserved to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These appointments are excluded from the calculation arising from the existing protocol on the allocation of chairman and vice-chairman positions for other committees, sub-committees and panels.

## **Resources Select Committee**

4. Until his appointment as the Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor Kane was the chairman of the Resources Select Committee. However, the Council's Constitution also provides (Article 6, Appendix 1) that Cabinet members may not be a member of a select committee that deals directly with matters within the responsibilities of their portfolio. Given that the budgetary responsibilities of the Resources Select Committee are likely to be of relevance to all executive portfolios, it is not considered appropriate for Councillor Kane to continue to be a member of the Select Committee.

5. Nominations received for the vacancy on the Resources Select Committee will be reported at the meeting.
6. The Committee is requested to make appointment to the vacancy on the Select Committee for the remainder of the municipal year. If more than one nomination is received for the vacancy, the Committee will be required to vote on this appointment.
7. The Committee is also requested to make appointment to the position of the Chairman of the Resources Select Committee for the remainder of the municipal year (and, if necessary, the Vice-Chairman of the Select Committee). The following nomination for the position of Chairman of the Select Committee has been received from the Conservative Group:  
  
Councillor A. Patel
8. As Councillor Patel is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Resources Select Committee for 2017/18, the Conservative Group has also nominated the following member as the Vice-Chairman of the Select Committee for the remainder of the municipal year:  
  
Councillor D. Sunger
9. If more than one nomination is received for the position of Chairman of the Select Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be required to vote on this appointment.

#### **Governance Select Committee**

10. Councillor S. Kane was also currently a member of the Governance Select Committee for 2017/18. It is understood that, arising from his appointment as Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor Kane wishes to relinquish his membership of the Select Committee.
11. Nominations received for the vacancy on the Governance Select Committee will be reported at the meeting.
12. The Committee is requested to make appointment to the vacancy on the Governance Select Committee for the remainder of the municipal year. If more than one nomination is received for the vacancy, the Committee will be required to vote on this appointment.