



MEETING : JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE, COMMITTEES,
SUB-COMMITTEES AND PANELS

VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD

DATE : WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2017

TIME : 7.30 PM (OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL
COUNCIL WHICHEVER IS LATER)

MEMBERSHIP – All Members of the Council

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1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
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 - fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
 - participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
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AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

To appoint a Chairman for this meeting

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the joint meeting held on 18 May 2016

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

4. Appointment of Chairmen and Establishment of Sub-Committees, Panels, etc (Pages 9 - 18)

To consider a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

5. Urgent Business

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE,
COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND
PANELS HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016, AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor K Crofton (Chairman)
Councillors D Abbott, A Alder, D Andrews,
R Brunton, K Brush, E Buckmaster, S Bull,
M Casey, Mrs R Cheswright, S Cousins,
G Cutting, B Deering, H Drake, J Goodeve,
B Harris-Quinney, R Henson, L Haysey,
Mrs D Hollebon, A Jackson, G Jones,
J Jones, J Kaye, P Kenealy, G McAndrew,
M McMullen, P Moore, D Oldridge, T Page,
P Phillips, M Pope, S Reed, P Ruffles,
S Rutland-Barsby, C Snowdon, S Stainsby,
R Standley, M Stevenson, N Symonds,
J Taylor, K Warnell, G Williamson,
C Woodward, J Wyllie, M Allen and
I Devonshire.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Philip Gregory	- Head of Strategic Finance and Property
Martin Ibrahim	- Democratic Services Team Leader
Lorraine Kirk	- Senior Communications Officer
Adele Taylor	- Director
Liz Watts	- Chief Executive
Catherine Whitehead	- Interim Head of Democratic and Legal Services

28 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved and seconded that Councillor K Crofton be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

RESOLVED - that Councillor K Crofton be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

29 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive, committees, sub-committees and panels held on 20 May 2015, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

30 APPOINTMENT OF CHARMEN, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS, ETC

The Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report seeking approval for the appointment of Chairmen to Committees set up by Council at its Annual meeting on 18 May 2016 and the establishment of sub-committees and panels. The Executive was also requested to approve the changes to the Constitution approved by Annual Council relating to Executive Functions, including the revised Scheme of Delegation and revised list of Proper Officer Functions.

It was noted that the appointment of Vice-Chairmen would be dealt with at the next meetings of the relevant committees.

The joint meeting noted the nominations of the political group to the seats on sub-committees and panels as detailed in the report now submitted and approved the recommendations as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) the following Sub-Committees and Panels be appointed, with the number of voting Members stated:

<u>Sub-Committee/Panel</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
Licensing Sub-Committee	3
Standards Sub-Committee	3
Local Joint Panel (4 Members of the Council and 4 representatives of employees drawn from UNISON with substitutes)	8
District Planning Executive Panel	3

(B) seats on Sub-Committees and Panels, where relevant, be allocated to the sole political group on the Council;

(C) as a consequence of the decisions at (A) - (B) above, the membership of Sub-Committees and Panels be as set out in Essential Reference Paper 'B' of the report submitted, with, where appropriate, Members being appointed in accordance with the wishes of the political group to whom the seats on these bodies have been allocated;

(D) the Members detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'C' of the report submitted, be appointed as Chairmen (and where specified, Vice-Chairmen) of the bodies detailed;

(E) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make changes in the standing membership of committees and joint committees in (A) above, in accordance with the wishes of the political group to whom seats on these bodies have been allocated; and

(F) the changes to the Constitution approved by Annual Council relating to Executive Functions, including the revised Scheme of Delegation and revised list of Proper Officer Functions, be approved.

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The meeting closed at 8.17 pm

Chairman

Date

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE, COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS – 10 MAY 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS, ETC

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To appoint Chairmen and establish sub-committees and panels.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION:</u> that:		
(A)	the following Sub-Committees and Panels be appointed, with the number of voting Members stated:	
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(C)	as a consequence of the decisions at (A) - (B) above, the membership of Sub-Committees and Panels be as set out in Essential Reference Paper 'B', with, where appropriate, Members being appointed in accordance	

	with the wishes of the political group to whom the seats on these bodies have been allocated;
(D)	the Members detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'C', be appointed as Chairmen (and where specified, Vice-Chairmen) of the bodies detailed;
(E)	the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make changes in the standing membership of committees and joint committees in (A) above, in accordance with the wishes of the political group to whom seats on these bodies have been allocated;
(F)	Chairmen of committees now abolished, be authorised to approve as a correct record, the Minutes of their final meeting.

1.0 Background

1.1 The joint meeting is required to approve the appointment of Chairmen to Committees set up by Council at its annual meeting (preceding this meeting) and deal with the appointment of sub-committees and panels. The appointment of Chairmen of Panels is also sought.

2.0 Appointment of Chairmen of Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels

2.1 Following the establishment of committees at the annual meeting of Council, there is a requirement to appoint the Chairmen. It is proposed that the appointments detailed at recommendation (D) above (**Essential Reference Paper 'C'**), be made. The proposed appointment of Chairmen of Panels is also detailed here.

2.2 Chairmen of Licensing and Standards Sub-Committees will be appointed at each meeting.

3.0 Establishment of Sub-Committees and Panels

3.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committees and Panels now detailed will be established with the same of terms of reference as last year, except for the Standards Sub-Committee which will now be a sub-

committee of the Performance, Audit and Governance Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.2 The Licensing Committee has previously established a Licensing Sub-Committee to consider and determine applications under the Licensing Act 2003 and other applications, where appropriate, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and other legislation.
- 3.3 Each Sub-Committee comprises 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee membership. The rules of proportionality do not apply and all Members must have completed the necessary training in licensing matters.
- 3.4 The Human Resources Committee has previously established a Local Joint Panel of 8 members (4 councillors and 4 representatives of employees drawn from UNISON). The Panel is responsible for dealing with the Authority's staffing matters and reports to the Human Resources Committee. The Panel will be invited to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at its next meeting.
- 3.5 Previously, the Executive has established a panel to oversee District planning policy matters, namely the District Planning Executive Panel. It is proposed that the Panel be re-established for 2017/18 with 3 Members.
- 3.6 Each Standards Sub-Committee comprises 4 Members drawn from the Performance, Audit and Governance Committee membership. The rules of proportionality do not apply and all Members must have completed the necessary training in standards matters.

4.0 Political Groups

- 4.1 Where Members of the Council are divided into political groups, the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 place a duty on the Council to review the allocation between those groups of seats on its Sub-Committees and Panels according to certain principles. The aim is to ensure that the political composition of these reflects the composition of the Council. The rules of proportionality do not apply to the District Planning Executive Panel, Licensing Sub-Committee or Standards Sub-Committee. Nominations of the Conservative political group are detailed at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

4.2 Details of the legal provisions relating to political groups are set out in the report submitted to the annual meeting of the Council (see separate agenda).

5.0 Minutes of Defunct Committees

5.1 The new committee structure of the Council, if agreed, will result in the abolition of 5 committees – Audit and Governance, Community Scrutiny, Corporate Business Scrutiny, Environment and Health and Wellbeing. It is proposed that the Chairman of each Committee be delegated authority to approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the final meeting.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATION

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	The proposals set out in this report will support all of the Council's corporate objectives.
Consultation:	The appropriate consultation with the sole Group Leader has taken place to obtain nominations to group seats on various bodies, where relevant. Details of these nominations will be circulated to all Members. Members are invited to note that one of the recommendations before them will enable these nominations to be appointed to the seats allocated to the group.
Legal:	The proposals set out in this report accord with the statutory provisions for reviewing the Council's decision-making structure.
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	The Council needs to establish a robust and clear decision-making structure to enable it to function effectively and make decisions in an expeditious manner which is accountable to the electorate.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	None

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Essential Reference Paper 'B'

Local Joint Panel 4 seats

4 Conservative			
1	Buckmaster	3	McAndrew
2	Haysey	4	Radford

Subs: Alder

Standards Sub-Committee 4 seats

To be drawn from the Members of the Performance, Audit and Governance Committee. Rules of proportionality do not apply.

District Planning Executive Panel 3 seats

3 Conservative			
1	Buckmaster	3	G Jones
2	Haysey		

This is a Panel of the Executive. Rules of proportionality do not apply.

Licensing Sub-Committee 3 seats

To be drawn from the 12 Members of the Licensing Committee. Rules of proportionality do not apply.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'C'

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Overview and Scrutiny	Allen	
Performance, Audit and Governance Scrutiny	Pope	To be determined at first meeting
Development Management	Page	
Human Resources	Woodward	
Licensing	Andrews	
Local Joint Panel	To be determined at first meeting	
Chief Officer Recruitment	To be determined at first meeting	
District Planning Executive Panel	Haysey	-

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