

East Herts Council Report

Council

Date of meeting: 28 July 2021

Report by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Report title: Committee Membership update

Ward(s) affected: All Wards

- Council, at its annual meeting, is required to approve the decision-making arrangements for the discharge of functions. Since the meeting on 29 April 2021, there have been a number of changes to the committee membership. Council are asked to note the changes to the committees.

RECOMMENDATION that:

The membership of the Council's Executive and Committees as set out in Appendix A and B, be noted

1. Background

- 1.1 At its annual meeting in April, Council appointed members to its committees. As part of that report, one recommendation was that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make changes in the standing membership of committees, joint committees and panel, in accordance with the wishes of the political group to whom seats on these bodies have been allocated.

- 1.2 Since the Annual Council meeting, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services has received notification from the Group Leaders of changes to their committee allocation and this report sets out the new memberships for Council to note.
- 1.3 There has been a change in the Executive membership with Councillor Jonathan Kaye joining as Executive Member for Communities. His seats on other committees have needed to be backfilled. In addition to this, the Leader has moved Licensing from the remit of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods. This will now sit under the remit of the Executive Member for Planning and Growth. An updated Executive list is attached at Appendix B.
- 1.4 Also since the annual meeting, the result of the by election in Bishop's Stortford All Saints ward on 6th May 2021 was announced. This seat was won by Councillor Richard Townsend from the Liberal Democrats so there is no change to the political balance of the Council.

2 Committee changes

2.1 Appendix A lists the membership of all committees.

2.2 The changes are as follows:

Councillor Jonathan Kaye to Executive (to replace Councillor Suzanne Rutland-Barsby)

Councillor Richard Townsend fills vacant seat on Audit & Governance

Councillor Alastair Ward-Booth to Overview & Scrutiny (to replace Councillor Jonathan Kaye)

Councillor Sally Newton to Development Management (to replace Councillor Jonathan Kaye)

Councillor Andrew Huggins to Substitute of Development Management (to replace Councillor Sally Newton)

Implications/Consultations

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

No

Background Papers

Annual Council report "Committee Membership and Political Balance of the Council 2021/22" on 29th April 2021.

Contact Member: Councillor Linda Haysey – Leader of the Council

linda.haysey@eastherts.gov.uk

Contact Officer: James Ellis, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

james.ellis@eastherts.gov.uk

Report Author: Katie Mogan, Democratic Services Manager

katie.mogan@eastherts.gov.uk