

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

**APPOINTMENTS OF WORKING GROUPS FOR 2018/19 (REP1826)****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To consider the continuation and membership of Working Groups for the 2018 / 19 municipal year.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards in the District
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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Mark Bee Leader of the Council
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council appoints to a number of Working Groups each year as part of its corporate governance framework in support of the democratic process and decision-making arrangements.
- 1.2 Details of the proposed Working Groups for 2018 / 19 are outlined on Appendix A (to be circulated at the Council Meeting on 16 May 2018).
- 1.3 The Working Groups have clear terms of reference outlining their roles, responsibilities and reporting mechanisms, thereby increasing openness and transparency and making the best use of resources.
- 1.4 Where specific postholder nominations are required, these are outlined on the Appendix.

## **2 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1 Appointment to Working Groups enables more in-depth consideration to be given to specific issues.
- 2.2 Members appointed to Working Groups are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme and these costs can be accommodated within existing resources.
- 2.3 Reviewing Councillor representation on Working Groups ensures that they are still relevant and fit for purpose and allows back bench Councillors to concentrate on their community leadership roles within their own Wards.

## **3 CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Consultation will be undertaken with the relevant Political Group Leaders, the Independent Members and with the Green Party Member, seeking nominations for the Working Group positions.

## **4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Working Groups are set up to examine specific issues in-depth prior to recommendations being put forward to the relevant decision-making body. Should the Council decide not to appoint to the Working Groups, then the opportunity for more in-depth consideration of issues could be lost.

## **5 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 To ensure that Members are appointed to Working Groups for the 2018 / 19 municipal year.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the membership of Working Groups be appointed for the 2018/19 municipal year, as supplied by Political Group Leaders and in consultation with the Independent Members and the Green Party Member.

**APPENDICES**

**Appendix A**

Schedule of Working Groups Nominations for 2018/19  
**(To be circulated at the meeting)**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS** - None