Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Democratic Services Manager

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Strategic Support

Recommendation

That Councillor Brian Page be appointed as a member of, and Chair of, the Plans Committee with immediate effect as an interim measure; as required by the Constitution this appointment will be confirmed at the next Council meeting on 21st May 2018.

Reason

To fill a vacancy that has arisen for a meeting of the Plans Committee meeting which is taking place before the Annual Council meeting on 21st May 2018.

Authority for Decision

Whilst the Leader of the Council is able to appoint Cabinet members, allocate Executive responsibilities and make changes to the delegation of Executive functions, Committee appointments need a Council decision under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

The next scheduled Council meeting is on 21st May 2018 and as the Leader wishes this appointment to take immediate effect, it is necessary that the Head of Strategic Support makes a delegated decision. The Head of Strategic Support has delegated authority to make interim committee appointments if notice is received from the relevant group leader (section 11.2(d) of the Constitution in respect of scrutiny appointments and section 12.4(a) of the Constitution in respect of other committee appointments).

Decision and Date

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial costs, since any expenses claimed relating to these duties would be met from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

Risk Management

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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