

Part A

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Report author: Democratic Services Manager

Title: Appointment to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Finance Scrutiny Committee

1.0 Summary

1.1 Following Councillor Rodrigues' appointment as a Portfolio Holder, Council is requested to agree the appointment to the vacant positions on Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Finance Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Risks

2.1

Nature of risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (treat, tolerate, terminate or transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of severity and likelihood)
No appointment by the Liberal Democrat Group is made to the 2 vacant scrutiny positions.	The 2 positions would remain vacant, as only the Liberal Democrat Group can propose names, as both committees are politically balanced.	Liaise with the Liberal Democrat Group Leader to ensure they are aware of the vacancies, enabling them to discuss with their group.	Treat	2 (2x1)

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 that the Liberal Democrat nomination be appointed to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.2 that the Liberal Democrat nomination be appointed to Finance Scrutiny Committee.

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4.0 Detailed proposal

- 4.1 With effect from 1 October 2023 the Mayor agreed to appoint Councillor Kennedy Rodrigues to the post of Portfolio Holder, with responsibility for Neighbourhood Services, supporting Councillor Williams' portfolio whilst he is undergoing treatment.
- 4.2 Councillor Rodrigues had been a member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Finance Scrutiny Committee. Following the appointment to the post of Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rodrigues has had to step back from being a member of the scrutiny committees, as under the Local Government Act 2000, an Executive member cannot also be on scrutiny.
- 4.3 The Democratic Services Manager contacted the Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Councillor Pattinson, to explain the situation and to ask to discuss the two vacancies with her group. Both scrutiny committees are politically balanced and therefore only the Liberal Democrat Group can appoint to the two vacant positions.
- 4.4 At the time of writing this report no nominations have been put forward. At Council the Chairman will ask for nominations from the Liberal Democrat Group for the two scrutiny positions.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications to this report.

5.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

- 5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that the legal implications are contained within the body of the report.

5.3 Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection

- 5.3.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations under s149, it is considered that an Equalities Impact Analysis is not required. The appointment to the scrutiny

committees has to be in accordance with the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000.

Having had regard to the council's obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018, it is considered that officers are not required to undertake a Data Processing Impact Assessment (DPIA) for this report.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 Not applicable

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 No applicable

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 Not applicable

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 Not applicable

Appendices

None

Background papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.