COUNCIL MEETING, 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

# REPORT OF THE

## Chief Executive

PART I

### 1. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

1.1 This report concerns various matters relating to political proportionality and appointments to committees and panels which require the approval of the County Council.

### 2. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

2.1 Part I of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the County Council to review the proportionality of its committees each year at its Annual Meeting and at such time that the political composition of the County Council changes between Annual Meetings. The political composition changed on 21 July 2021 resulting in a reduction to the number of Conservative Group Members and an increase to the number of Independent Group Members. The position is set out below:

Conservative: 55
Liberal Democrat: 17
Labour: 3
Independent: 3
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- 2.2 In accordance with Standing Order 24.5 the County Council is asked to review the existing proportionality arrangements and make any changes as appropriate. The draft Proportionality Table for consideration is attached and details the changes to the seats allocated to each political group across the range of committees, advisory panels and other proportionate bodies.
- 2.3 As a result of the proportionality proposals, a number of membership changes are proposed below.

### 3. APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 Changes as a result of the review of proportionality:
  - a) That Councillor Andy Tree replace Councillor Rob Mocatta, and that Councillors Louise Parker-Jones and Prad Bains be appointed as the Independent Group Substitute Members on the Audit Committee.
  - b) That Councillor Alex Crawford replace Councillor Peter Latham, and that Councillors Jacky Tustain and Kim Taylor be appointed as the Labour Substitute Members on the Pension Fund Panel and Board.
  - c) That Councillor Lesley Meenaghan fill the Conservative Group vacancy on the Children and Young People Select Committee created by

Councillor Bains becoming an Independent Group Member, and that Councillor Prad Bains replace Councillor Andy Tree as the Independent Group Member on this Committee.

- d) That Councillor Louise Parker-Jones replace Councillor Kim Taylor, and that Councillors Andy Tree and Prad Bains be appointed as the Independent Group Substitute Members on the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee.
- e) Children & Families Advisory Panel:
  - That Councillor Elaine Still steps down from this Panel and that Arun Mummalenini replace Councillor Still as the Chairman of the Panel.
  - That Councillor Adam Jackman be appointed as a full Member of the Panel and Councillor Sarah Pankhurst replace Councillor Jackman as a second Substitute Member for the Conservative Group.
  - That Councillor Prad Bains remains on the Panel as an Independent Group Member and that the Conservative seat he vacated not be replaced to reduce the Conservative Group membership on this Panel from seven to six seats.
  - That Councillors Andy Tree and Louise Parker-Jones be appointed as the two Independent Group Substitute Members.
- f) That Councillor Prad Bains replace Councillor Louise Parker-Jones on the Education Advisory Panel, and that Councillor Louise Parker-Jones be appointed as the second Substitute Member for the Independent Group.
- g) That Councillor Jacky Tustain replace Councillor Roz Chadd, and that Councillors Alex Crawford and Kim Taylor be appointed as the Labour Group Substitute Members on the Corporate Parenting Board.
- h) That Councillor Chris Donnelly replace Councillor Prad Bains as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE); that Councillor Pal Hayre be appointed as a full Member, and that Councillor Juliet Henderson replace Councillor Hayre as the second Conservative Substitute Member.

## 3.2 Other membership changes:

- That Councillor Zoe Huggins replace Councillor Elaine Still, and that Councillor Stephen Parker replace Councillor Huggins as the second Conservative Substitute Member on the Policy and Resources Select Committee.
- j) Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee:
  - That Councillor Adam Jackman replace Councillor Rhydian Vaughan and Councillor Nick Adams-King replace Councillor Michael Thierry

#### as full Committee members

- That Councillor Jackie Branson replace Councillor Chris Donnelly as the second Conservative Substitute Member
- k) That Councillor Barry Dunning replace Councillor Lesley Meenaghan on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.
- I) That Councillor Rob Harwood (Southampton City Council) be appointed as the Unitary Council Co-opted Employer Representative, and Councillor Cal Corkery (Portsmouth City Council) be appointed as the Unitary Council Co-opted Substitute Employer Representative on the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board for the municipal year 2021/22.

NB: In accordance with the Appointments Policy for the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board, the respective representatives from Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils rotate between being a main co-opted Member and a co-opted Substitute Member on an annual basis.

- m) That Chris Anders replace Joanna West as the Hampshire Secondary Schools Co-opted Member on the Education Advisory Panel.
- That Councillor Rob Stead replace Councillor Professor Barrie Margetts on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, representing Southampton City Council.
- That Father John Chandler be appointed as a Co-opted Member to Group A of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).
- p) That Councillor Keith Mans be appointed as the County Council's representative on South-East Strategic Leaders outside body and that Councillor Rob Humby be appointed as the deputy representative.
- q) That the County Council's representation on the Assembly of European Regions be adjusted to reflect two main members Councillors Keith Mans and Andrew Joy, and two deputy members Councillors Steve Forster and Phil North.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the County Council approve the draft Proportionality Table (Appendix 1) and the appointments set out above.