

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Supplementary Agenda

Place

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich
SE18 6PW

Date

Wednesday, 24 July 2024

Time

4.00 pm

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Agenda

- 7. Appointments to Member-Level Bodies for 2024/25 - Scrutiny Panels**
To appoint to vacancies on Scrutiny Panels.

Date of Issue:
Thursday, 18 July 2024

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	DATE 24 July 2024	ITEM NO 7
TITLE Appointments to Member-Level Bodies for 2024/25 – Scrutiny Panels	WARD (S) All	
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	CABINET MEMBER N/A	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non-exempt report Non-Key Decision Not exempt from call-In	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? Yes	

1. **Decision Required**

The General Purposes Committee is requested to agree:

- 1.1 The appointments to Member-level bodies detailed in paragraph 5.3

2. **Links to Our Greenwich missions**

- 2.1 This report does not relate to the Council’s agreed missions as it is an administrative item.

3. **Reasons for Urgency**

- 3.1 The notification of the upcoming appointment by the Leader of the Council of a new Cabinet Member for Planning, Estate Renewal and Development occurred after the agenda publication. Councillor Majid Rahman must come off the Scrutiny Panels to which he had previously been appointed because a Member of the Executive cannot sit on Scrutiny. As such this has created vacancies on two Scrutiny Panels.

4. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 4.1 To appoint replacements to Member-Level Bodies that deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions for this municipal year.

5. **Introduction and Background**

- 5.1 Following the Annual Meeting of Council, the Leader of the Council has varied the scheme of delegation and appointed Councillor Majid Rahman to the Cabinet in place of Councillor Aidan Smith. Councillor Rahman as a Member of the Executive automatically comes off Scrutiny.
- 5.2 In line with the Constitution, the General Purposes Committee can appoint members to fill vacancies which arise from time to time on committees established by the Council in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.
- 5.3 The Chief Whip's nominations are as below:

Member-Level Body	Previous Appointment (now vacancies)	Chief Whip Nominations
Inclusive Economy and Culture Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Majid Rahman	Councillor Aidan Smith
Transport and Place Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Majid Rahman	Councillor Aidan Smith

6. **Available Options**

To either:

- 6.1 agree the appointment of the proposed nominees; or
- 6.2 partially agree or not agree any of the appointments in accordance with the political balance where applicable.

7. **Preferred Option**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. **Consultation Results**

- 9.1 Not applicable.

10. Communication and Implementation of the Decision

10.1 The agreed appointments will be published on the Council's website.

11. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Under Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution, General Purposes Committee is authorised to appoint Members to fill vacancies which arise from time to time on committees established by the Council in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group. Therefore, the Committee is able to agree the recommendations in paragraph 1.	Azuka Onuorah Interim Director of Legal Services 18 July 2024
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook Director of Finance 18 July 2024
Equalities	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users. This report makes no direct contribution to the Council's Equality and Equity Charter and the Council's Equality Objectives 2020-2024.	Nassir Ali, Corporate Governance Manager 18 July 2024
Climate change	This report makes no direct impact to the Greenwich Carbon Neutral Plan agreed by Cabinet on 18 October 2020.	Nassir Ali, Corporate Governance Manager 18 July 2024
Risk Management	This is an administrative item therefore there are no key risks associated with the proposals in this report.	Nassir Ali, Corporate Governance Manager 18 July 2024

12 **Appendices**

12.1 None.

13. **Background Papers**

13.1 Change to Scheme of Delegation Appointment of Cabinet Member

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